

# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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## Township to look at old, new ideas

*Grayling Township board begins  
new term with 'idea session'*

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees met Tuesday, Dec. 10 in its first meeting since the recent election, and the new board members exchanged a number of new ideas for the upcoming term.

The theme of the first township board meeting led by newly elected Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright was a "new vision of government toward direct benefits through the people and a series of new programs."

In addition to Wright, the board members include Treasurer Ruth O'Mara, Clerk Monica Ashton, Trustee Melvin Nunn and Trustee John Medler.

"During the recent campaign, I took the opportunity to talk to as many township residents as I could about the duties of the supervisor and the mission of the township in general," Wright said. "I asked them what direct benefits they derive from their tax dollars."

"I was not surprised to learn that an overwhelming number of residents

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Supervisor

weren't sure of the answers to any of these questions," Wright told board members.

The answer Wright presented to the township board was to attempt to provide more direct, quality-of-life services to the people and make sure the services are known and understood.

The new supervisor presented a list of general programs to the board members which included such items as road paving, cemetery improvements, security programs for children and the elderly, comprehensive recycling and composting, ordinance enforcement, a township park, promotion of existing and new business, and promotion of education, discipline and moral attitudes in local schools.

Wright received consensus approval from the board members to begin the investigation process of the feasibility of these programs, which could eventually lead to specific program proposals being brought back for future board consideration.

"As a board, we acted to give the supervisor a consensus to do research and bring back his findings before the board," Nunn said. "Sure we would like to see what his recommendations are for these programs presented."

Nunn explained that some of the items such as the idea of having a township park had been brought up before by the township.

The whole idea is to look at these proposed programs, Nunn said. It sets some direction for the township.

Wright said it will take some doing to make these programs a reality.

"The price will be great to accomplish some of my stated goals," Wright said, "but with much sweat, ingenuity, cooperation and the leadership of this board, they can all be done and done well. They can be done to the direct benefit of our citizens without breaking the bank or raising taxes."

Nunn also said the other board members had some ideas too. Some of these proposed programs included placing of walking and running areas, marking of current bicycle trails and a lot of other new ideas.

The township board members won't only be working together on new ideas, they also will be working with other local government boards. As part of this process, two members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners — Bob Smock, Jr. and Bruce Bretzke — were introduced at the beginning of the township meeting.

The commissioners were introduced as a spirit of unity between the boards, so the members can work together on common issues, Wright said.

In other board action at the Dec. 10 meeting, the township officials approved a resolution commending Arnold Stancil for his 12 years of service as Grayling Township supervisor.

Board members also passed a resolution recognizing Lynette Corlew for her two years of service as a township trustee.



**HO! HO! HO!** — A long line of Grayling area youngsters appeared at St. Mary's Parish Hall Saturday morning for "Breakfast with Santa." Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand from 8 a.m. to noon to listen to what the boys and girls wished for this year. Pictured with Santa and Mrs. Claus are Curtis and Rachel Wilson.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

## Events planned for 50th marathon

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The race committee, fans, canoeists and more than 200 volunteers are making preparations and anxiously awaiting the 1997 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The 1997 version of the annual event will be the 50th in a long string of exciting races.

The marathon, which will be held July 26-27 starting in Grayling, is being planned as a celebration of the five decades the race has spanned. The committee has planned a number of special items to help celebrate the 50th marathon.

The committee consists of co-chairmen Joe Wakeley and Wayne Koppa, Phil Weiler, Steve Southard, Ed and Marge Martella, Mary Jo Conway, Jerry and Marion LaMotte, Dave Wyman and John Cherven.

One of the special items which will be completed is a commemorative book of the first 50 marathon races. The book will include material on all of the races which began in 1947. According to officials, one year there was no marathon race during this time period.

The book, being put together by John Thompson and Nancy Lemmen, will be pre-sold beginning approximately in March. Upon its completion, the book will be distributed in November 1997. All 50 races will be included in the book.

The book is scheduled to be 176 pages with some color in it. According to Wakeley, there has been a good response of donated material and race items to be included in the book. However, anyone else with any information concerning the marathon for the book can contact the race office at (517) 348-4425 or write the committee at P.O. Box 911, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Another special item which will be completed to help celebrate the 50th marathon is a special history section to be included in the Crawford County Avalanche.

The Avalanche's special section will feature information from back issues on the marathon and will be included in the weekly paper prior to the 1997 event.

The committee also is looking at having other types of races during the weekend celebration. Wakeley said one possibility being looked into is a race featuring past marathon canoeists.

New merchandise for the 50th race will be on sale in the area. According to Wakeley, the merchandise will be available prior to Christmas.

"There is talk of a lot of racers coming back to race because it is the 50th event," Wakeley said.

The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the race office in the Grayling Mini Mall. Committee members also meet with the Oscoda committee on the first Tuesday of each month in Oscoda.

## Attorney General's opinion to end road commission vacancy questions

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

A change in policy has caused a dilemma for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in the process of road commission appointments.

Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney John Huss has written a letter to the Attorney General's office for an answer to the dilemma.

Huss explained the situation at the beginning of his letter to the Attorney General. The county prosecutor wrote, "What is the term of office for a county road commissioner appointed to replace a deceased elected commissioner, if prior to the next general election, the county commissioners change the selection of road commissioner from elected to appointed?"

The current situation began in the 1994 general election when the Crawford County Road Commissioner

elected died in March of 1995. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners appointed his replacement, Ray Swiercz, in May of 1995 "to fill the vacancy... until the next general election."

The law states that someone does need to be appointed to fill the vacancy until the next general election when using an elected road commissioner method. But then things changed.

The county board of commissioners changed the method of selection of county road commissioners from elected to appointed by a Feb. 20, 1996 resolution. The resolution is effective Jan. 1, 1997.

Huss said, at the Dec. 10 county board meeting, that this situation was a "change of procedure midstream."

The remaining question is does Swiercz continue on his six-year term or has it expired because of the recent November General Election?

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Crawford County  
Prosecuting Attorney

Huss wrote in his letter to the Attorney General, "Did his term expire at that time per OAG 1985-1986 No. 6322, or having changed from elected to appointed did his position become as of Feb. 20, 1996 appointive 'ex post facto' so to speak and not expire for a period of six years from Jan. 1, 1995?"

According to Huss' letter, the provisions for declaring a road commission seat vacant are explicit, except there are no provisions for a seat made vacant by the changing of the selection method.

Huss told the county board of commissioners that he would ask the Attorney General's office for a quick opinion, since the commissioners may have to fill another road commission seat. There already is another seat which the county board is interviewing applicants to fill the ended term.

"Please expedite as we may have to make an appointment by January 1997 depending upon your opinion," Huss stated.

## Frederic house fire under investigation

A Sunday afternoon house fire is currently under investigation.

The fire started in the kitchen of a Center Street residence in Frederic. The house is owned by Debbie Curtis.

The Frederic Fire Department, assisted by Grayling and Lovells, contained the fire in the kitchen. However, smoke damaged the entire house. There were no injuries reported.

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**CONCERT PREPARATIONS** — Director Karen Ross and her students practice for the upcoming Christmas concert by the high school choir on Thursday, Dec. 19. The high school choir members include Sharon Albergo, Becky Baumgardner, Chrisy Beck, Ann Becks, Jessica Becks, Danelle Canfield, Josh Colby, Lori Daniels, Haggain Devine, Jennifer Finch, Cyndi Green, Melinda Green, Tricia Griesemer, Cliff Hadley, Dawn Howell, Joe Hughes, Mary Jones, Jessica Lobsinger, Misti Macfarlane, Tiffany Manley, Misty Medeiros, Erin Meehan, Isaac Moberg, Michelle Montagne, Steve Moon, John Mona, Jaime Myers, Melanie Paxton, Brandy Peterson, Amanda Ray, Tony Reimer, Anthony Renon, T.J. Robbins, Gretchen Ross, Heather Ross, Crystal Ruark, Tiffany Ruark, Krys Rugenstein, Melissa Sampsel, Deb Schreiner, Dawn Sims, Kim Sims, Autumn Smith, Jef Smith, Michelle Stephenson, Heather Stevens, Sharon Stilson, Karen Strachan, Lindsey Voelker, Merideth Voelker, Shannon Wakeley, Dani Weatherly, Angie Whitney, Dara Wilder, Hunter Williams and Andy Henry. For story and an additional choir photo, see page 2A.

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**HONORED FOR SERVICE** -- Tom Mills (right) was honored at Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting for his service as the interim assistant principal/athletic director at Grayling High School. He was awarded a plaque by board member Brian Banda.

## Choirs to provide treat for audience

The students of the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School choirs, under the direction of Karen Ross, will present their holiday concert, *Our Gift to You*, on Thursday, Dec. 19.

The concert will be held in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School at 7 p.m.

The sixth, seventh, eighth and high school choirs will each perform three selections. The newly formed Select Choir will also perform at Thursday's concert, as well.

students have worked on their music reading, listening and interpretation skills. Concert etiquette and performance styles are also topics of study.

Ross hopes to develop the scope of performance opportunities for students, individually, in small ensembles and as a group.

"I think the audience is in for a treat," Ross said. "We have a nice variety of song selections and a wealth of talent and enthusiasm in each of the four choirs."

The entire production will come to an end with all 170 voices joining together to offer two final selections. The last song, *Our Gift to You*, includes sign language and was the inspiration for the concert's name.

In addition to concert preparation,

"I know that I have really enjoyed working with these young people over the past three and a half months. The students not only have had fun in choir, but more importantly, they have worked hard to develop a sense of pride in their accomplishments."



**DIRECTING THE CHOIR** -- Karen Ross prepares the choirs at the Grayling Middle and High Schools for their cooperative choral concert to be held Dec. 19.

*The Animal Shelter of Crawford County would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for making our 5th annual Dog-a-Thon successful this year:*

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*A big "Thank You" to Roger Redinger for transporting water and dogs for us. If anyone was inadvertently omitted, please accept our apologies and a big "Thank You."*



**OUR GIFT TO YOU** -- The sixth grade choir at Grayling Middle School practices the song *Our Gift to You*. The song, which includes sign language, will be performed by the Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School choirs. The concert will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 19 at Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

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## McManus takes a stand for parental rights

Parents will have access to the employment records of public school teachers under legislation passed by the Michigan Senate Dec. 10 and supported by Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City).

The Senate stripped from House Bill 4849 a provision which would have blocked public access to the employment records of public employees, including public school teachers, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The original bill amends FOIA to provide individuals whose request for information was denied an opportunity

to immediately appeal the denial to the head of the public body that refused the request. The legislation now goes back to the House of Representatives for concurrence on the Senate version which provides for FOIA access to the personnel records of public employees.

"Parents should have every right to know if their child's teacher was the subject of disciplinary action in the past," McManus said. "The majority of public school teachers are very conscientious and upstanding people who deserve our trust. However, parents need the right to access this kind of information."

## County reps to discuss court reorganization

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

An advisory council has been set up by the three counties — including Crawford County — that are part of the test program involving court restructuring.

The three counties included in the test program are Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska counties. The chairman of the three county boards and one additional representative make up the advisory council.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a motion Tuesday, Dec. 10 appointing County Chairman Bruce Bretzke as one of the county's representatives. Bretzke then appointed commissioner Bob Smock, Jr. as the second representative from Crawford County.

The first meeting between the advisory council and the court reorganization board is scheduled for Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting is to work on any issues any of the counties are facing, Bretzke said. It allows everyone to touch base with the representatives of the three counties. The advisory council is scheduled

to meet once a month for these purposes.

Judge Alton T. Davis is the local official who is heading up the court reorganization test program. The chairman of the area court reorganization board is Kalkaska Judge Pat Morris.

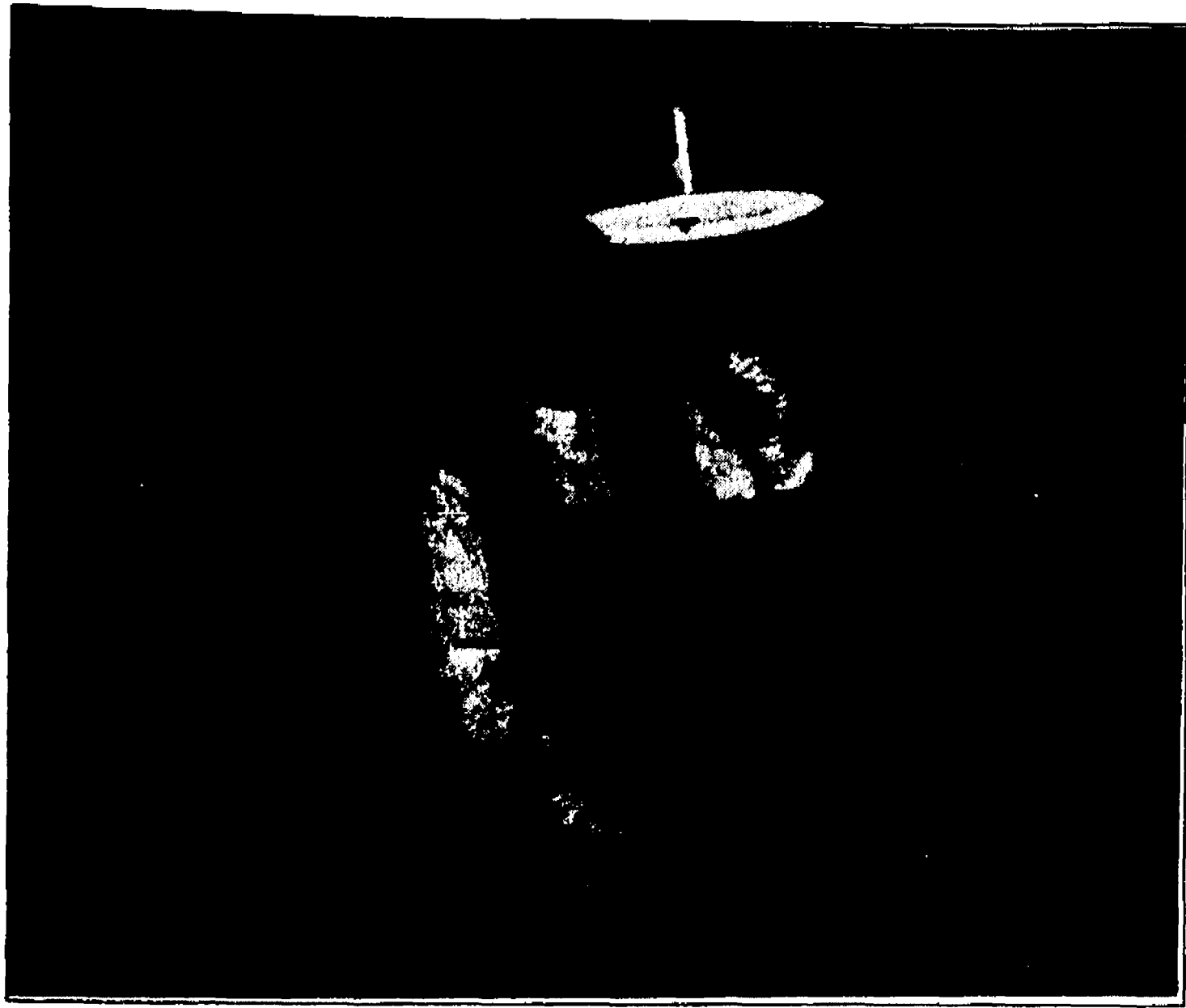
In other board action at the Dec. 10 meeting, the commissioners agreed to forward a letter to a state official requesting the property titles to two pieces of property in Crawford County.

The letter to Robert Halsey, director of local government affairs, states the request for the property titles of Canoe Camp and White Pines to be signed over to Crawford County. The two pieces of property are located along the AuSable River and are used by canoers and tourists to stop and camp.

These locations are not full-blown campgrounds, according to Bretzke. If the properties are decided over to the county, Bretzke said, then the board would look at possibly making some improvements.

The commissioners also agreed to send a copy of the same letter to State Rep. Allen Lowe, State Sen. George McManus and the Department of Natural Resources.





**RINGING BELLS** — Members of the Mount Hope Lutheran Church Bell Choir ring the bells for each note. The group rang and sang Christmas songs for the audience at Mercy Hospital Friday night.

## Preliminary, arraignments set for men involved in Roscommon County crimes

Three Crawford County men allegedly involved in Roscommon County crimes have had their preliminary examination and circuit court arraign-

ments scheduled.

Benjamin Michael Ledezma, 17 of Grayling, waived his original preliminary examination date so further in-

vestigation could be conducted. His preliminary examination is now scheduled for Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. in Roscommon County District Court.

Kenneth Clayton Halstead, 21 of Frederic, and Kenneth Lee Wood, 21 of Frederic, were both bound over to Roscommon County Circuit Court on Dec. 2. Both men are scheduled to be arraigned on Jan. 21.

The charges stem from a November incident in which gang-related graffiti was sprayed throughout Roscommon County.

According to reports, the men are charged with Breaking and Entering, as well as Malicious Destruction of Property.

## 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before Judge Dennis Murphy.

Lionel Anthony Green was sentenced to between 60 and 90 months for Prisoner Possessing Contraband. His sentence is to run consecutively with his current term. He was fined \$150 for the forensics lab fee.

## Chamber seeks nomination

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations until the end of the year for "Citizen of the Year" and the Athena Award, which will be presented at the annual chamber meeting and \$10,000 raffle Jan. 18 at the Holiday Inn.

The Citizen of the Year designation is given annually to an individual who has been an active participant in the civic affairs of Crawford County. For 1996 the name of John Alet was added to the list of recipients.

Persons interested in making a nomination need only write to the Chamber of Commerce, at P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738, listing the reasons why they think their nominee should be selected. Recipients in the past have all been extremely active in various roles which contributed to the benefit of youth and the growth of the community.

The Athena Award, created for the Chamber of Commerce in Lansing in 1982, has expanded to more than 300

U.S. cities and beyond. It is presented in the form of a hand-poured bronze sculpture, symbolizing the strength, courage and wisdom of the recipient.

Tickets for the chamber's annual meeting and \$10,000 raffle are currently on sale at the chamber office. Each \$100 ticket admits two people, and includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, pop, wine and beer, as well as the chance at the top prize or numerous other cash prizes, merchandise and gift certificates. Only 275 tickets are sold for the raffle, and due to the limit of 450 seats, only 225 tickets are sold in advance. The remaining 50 tickets will be sold to individuals who wish additional tickets, or to people who do not plan to be in attendance the night of Jan. 18.

This year the chamber board has decided all tickets will be drawn, so the holder of the last ticket can be announced. Any sharing of the prize money will be solely the responsibility of the ticket holders.

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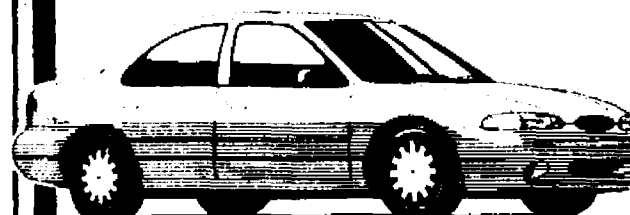
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

### In politics, time races ahead

MY, HOW time seems to fly. President Clinton has not yet prepared his second inaugural address, and speculation already is rife about who will run for president in 2000.

Unless something drastic happens in the next couple of years, Vice President Al Gore is the acknowledged front runner in the Democratic field.

He probably won't have the field all to himself. But other Democratic potentials likely will play their cards pretty close to their chests until the second Clinton-Gore administration starts to play itself out a bit.

Republican hopefuls, however, are free to jump in at will.

RECENT NEWS items indicate Republican Dick Army of Texas — not exactly a household name yet — is considering the race.

Mr. Army, as Majority Leader, is number two in the U.S. House behind Speaker Newt Gingrich. He's described in the article as "a devout conservative and advocate of a flat tax."

Lots of time remains between now and 2000, so Mr. Army could hone a candidacy, if he's serious.

But he's not alone, even at this early date.

Steve Forbes, the gazillionaire magazine publisher and staunch flat-tax pusher who was in the 1996 primary, reportedly is eyeing another try.

So is Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, former governor, Washington insider and another losing 1996 GOP candidate.

Republican-held state houses are expected to yield hopefuls, at least in the early running, perhaps even Michigan's own Gov. John Engler.

The 1996 Republican candidate, Bob Dole, presumably can be ruled out.

But then there's Jack Kemp, who now has national campaign experience. By the way, what ever happened to Jack Kemp in the 1996 campaign?

That's one of the real political mysteries of the year.

CLOSER TO home, speculation is even rife for the Michigan governor's race in 1998.

The big question is whether Gov. Engler will run again. It's anybody's guess.

FOJs — translated, that means

Friends of John — are split on the question, and Mr. Engler is keeping a tight lip.

To announce either way at this early date could weaken Mr. Engler's position with the Legislature.

Dealing with lawmakers will be tough enough in 1997-98, with the House controlled by Democrats.

Complicating the picture is that many legislators would like to be governor themselves. If Mr. Engler tips his hand that he won't run again, posturing by would-be governors among lawmakers in both parties could get downright fierce and disruptive.

But will he or won't he?

One FOJ, in an offhand conversation recently, admitted he was in the minority among Engler associates in predicting he will run again.

"What else is he going to do?" this FOJ reasoned. "Sit around the house with the triplets?"

Good question. Personally, I think he'll call it quits as governor.

But I wouldn't bet more than a quarter — either way.

MEANWHILE, Democrats are lining up to run in 1998.

## Jack Pine's Stump

This is a reprint from the Dec. 20, 1973 issue of the Avalanche.

I think I'll just put down my wishes and hopes for this Christmas season. And they won't be much different from what I've said before, because my feelings haven't changed one bit.

I hope that everyone has a happy Christmas, and that you can each be with those you love and who love you. I hope that your gifts are useful and given from the heart and that everyone gets what he wants and needs. I wish, from the heart, that the children are happy and don't need a spanking, and that, if they do, no one does it. I hope, too, that our civil servants, the police and firemen and those who must work, can find time to spend with their families. And I also hope that no one has to be in jail Christmas Day.

I hope that we have snow on Christmas Eve and Day, but not enough to require plowing, for those men should be with their families, too. It is to be wished that everyone attend a Christmas church service. And even if you don't belong, any church would welcome you — especially at Christmas-time. And remember to send a special Christmas prayer to those men up in Sky-lab. They won't be home for Christmas. We should also remember those in the hospital and those who work to take care of them. They won't be home either. And those who work in hotels and motels and restaurants to take care of those few who can't be home or have no

place to go. We should remember them all — and thank them. I do.

But I think that, most of all, we should remember those who are all alone in this world, the elderly, the lonely — that great myriad of people whom we seldom see and never hear about. At one time, they, too, had someone to celebrate Christmas with, but for various reasons they will sit alone this Christmas Day. I wish that there were some way to find them, to help them, or just to say "Merry Christmas!" Civic groups make a stab at locating some, but they never find all. County authorities know of others, and pass the names on. Lora Gould at Ausagra Acres knows more than anyone, and she will see that they are remembered. We all know at least one. So to those who read this column and are not remembered, I wish them a Merry Christmas — and wish I could do more.

Lastly, I would hope that everyone is kind and considerate to everyone else and that no one fights or argues or says unpleasant things or thinks unkind thoughts. Christmas is a time for giving — most of all, the best of ourselves. For even though we may not be able to put up Christmas lights outdoors or even light our home trees during this "energy crisis", there are far better lights at Christmas time which can easily be shown. Think about it. Peace love and Merry Christmas to all.

Jack Pine

## JIM FITZGERALD

### Waking up to the naked truth can be a trip, spoil bliss

I was naked and poised to attack. I leaped toward the also-nude intruder in my dark bedroom, but he suddenly disappeared. I tripped over a chair and fell on the wooden stand over which a useless blanket is forever folded at the foot of our bed. One leg broke cleanly off the stand as I sprawled on the floor.

My wife rushed to my sprawled topside. Tenderly stroking the blanket stand, she said, "You are ruining the furniture; I don't think I can glue that leg back on," and added, "You really should wear pajamas."

This is a true story of domestic bliss. It is not a bunch of lies written by my lawyer in honor of Roseanne.

Struggling to my feet, I turned on a light and, naturally, said, "Talk about ruining furniture, our entire home could break into little pieces" as I showed her a frightening item clipped from Leaders magazine. It said:

"A condo near Kitchener, Ontario, collapsed after a second-story floor gave way because of 800,000 supermarket coupons stored in Esther Deligio's bedroom. She had clipped and kept them for over 20 years but never redeemed them. They weighed almost two-and-a-half tons."

That is another true story of domestic bliss, otherwise it couldn't be printed in a magazine, right? I certainly believe it. In my home we have the same problem as in the Deligio home. My

wife clips every coupon printed, just in case she might someday need it. But whenever such an unlikely day comes, she invariably looks sadly at the person behind the cash register and says: "Damn, I forgot my coupon."

I mean, the constant keening sound emanating from our home is my wife mourning coupons that expired. I mean, her constant coupon-clipping has no redeeming value. I mean, what else can I say without apologizing to Bob Hope?

As for my sleeping in the nude, pajamas are the clothes that bind, and so does underwear. My favorite newspaper, in an inspired burst of investigative journalism, devoted around two pages to the important question of whether President Bill Clinton and other men wear boxer shorts or briefs. My answer is if you're asleep, it doesn't make any difference. When you roll over, either boxers or briefs will awaken you while catching up to the roll.

Besides, speaking of divine inspiration, Pope John Paul II would undoubtedly approve of my sleeping non-apparel. According to my favorite newspaper, a restoration of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel painting eliminated 17 loincloths added by prudish 18th-Century clerics. And the pope explained: "The human body can remain nude and uncovered and preserve intact its splendor and its

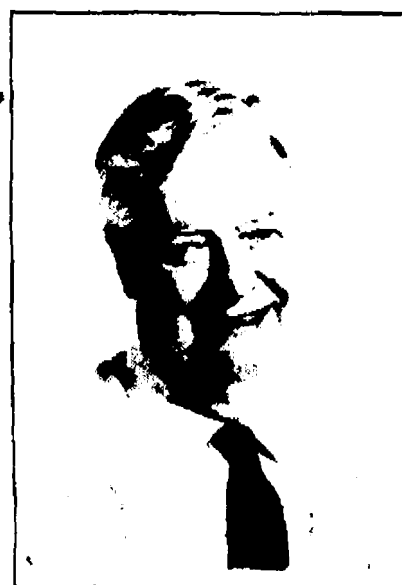
beauty."

When, in all my splendor and beauty, I told my wife what the pope said, she dug up the news article and pointed out that he also said such pro-nudity reasoning isn't valid if the divine dimension is "detached" from the body.

I wouldn't touch a straight line like that with a 10-foot pruning pole, or bobbing.

Finally, you'll be overjoyed to learn the naked intruder in my bedroom was actually part of a nightmare. Honest. My wife said the bad dream was probably brought on by the suppressed guilt I'd felt earlier that day when our vacation snapshots came back from the developers. One taken at Weeki Wachee Spring revealed that, for the third straight year, I'd befouled a picture of granddaughters posing with a nude statue of a mermaid by cupping my hand over a mermaid breast.

Onward and Upward. Even though I may be younger, I'm as funny as Bob Hope.



## FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

### Presidential musings ... and potpourri ...

With the two turkeys of November now history, I have a few musings on the largest of the two, the 1996 Presidential election.

What a fiasco on the part of the grand old party — the outcome was etched in stone in San Diego when the GOP picked Bob and Jack as their standard bearers.

Maybe, just maybe, elections like this would not happen if the government didn't cough up \$164 million of taxpayers' money to the candidates.

If a person wants to run for office let them use their own money, or get it from friends ... why the government? Now that smooth talking Willy won't have to move his furniture for another four years, and also be under the protective umbrella of the executive office against those nasty alleged sexual complaints and Whitewater, he may be able to put his head-in-the-sand, and it will all go away.

I was really surprised the other day when I read where the prez had named Madeleine Albright as the next Secretary of State.

It wasn't that I figured she wasn't qualified for the job, after all she has been the spokesperson for Uncle Sam in the UN.

My surprise was that he didn't tab Hillary for the job. After all, she and daughter Chelsea made as many trips to foreign countries the last couple years as departing Secretary of State, Warren Christopher.

The first lady, while in Australia with the prez following the election, was quoted as saying, "We expect so much ... from the woman who is married to the president. But we don't really know what it is we expect."

I find that hard to digest. All she had to do is follow the footsteps of the last six or seven first ladies that preceded her. None of them tried to overshadow their husbands and come on as gang busters for some pet project.

An idle thought: Speaking of first

ladies ... if the one that lives at 404 Loma brings any more plants, starting small trees into the house, my best friend and I will be looking for a ground level apartment to rent. Speaking of rain forests, I think we are the only ones who have it inside a house.

The other night on Rivera Live on CNBC, when he signed off, he said he was adamant about the proposal of making English the standard language for the United States.

I have to wonder what tongue he would suggest? I think every ethnic group should be able to converse in their own language ... and while we are at it ... let each group use their own monetary system.

Wouldn't it be nice to live in a neighborhood with a Japanese family on one side, a Russian family on the other, German family behind you, and throw in a few more ethnic groups around you ... all speaking in their own tongue.

How would you like to be a businessman and make change for the Yen, the Mark, the Pound, the Peso, to name a few?

Ludicrous? A better word is Stupid!

Before I forget about the second turkey mentioned above, I should say that our bride did cook a very nice Thanksgiving dinner ... it was scaled down as we were alone. I did help. I baked the pumpkin pie. I used Mrs. Smith's recipe.

On this day, I imagine this turkey was easier to swallow than the one on Nov. 5 for the GOP.

Second idle thought: here all along I figured that I had accomplished a feat when I retired with 45 years in newspaper trade ... then I read in the paper that this March, Milton Berle will be honored in Las Vegas for 85 years in show business. That can deflate one's ego in a hurry.

What others are saying ...

• **BIPARTISAN SPIRIT:** *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno notes that the Republicans and Democrats are working together on a Christmas show because "the Republicans couldn't find three wise men and the Democrats couldn't come up with a virgin."

• **O.J. CALL YOUR OFFICE:** Australian researchers have discovered that Koala bears have fingerprints so close to those of people that they could easily be mistaken by police at the scene of a crime.

• **EARLY CHECK-IN:** NBC's Jay Leno on the arrest of CIA official David Nicholson for allegedly taking bribes from Russia: "President Clinton was furious ... He said at a press conference, 'The worst thing you can do is sell out your country for money.' And then he left the press conference and went to the bank to cash another check from that Indonesian guy."

Looking for mistakes? Here are a few more from other papers, to help make your day.

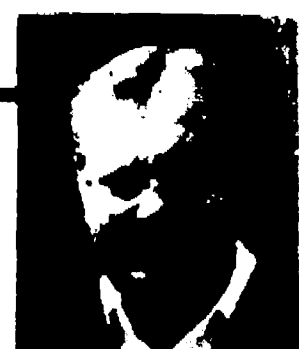
Los Angeles Times ... "Rev. Hammond was congratulated on being able to get his parish plastered."

McComb, Miss. Enterprise ... "The latest news is that Wilma Simpkins is in bed and desires that all friends call."

Kansas City Star ... "Overcome by gas while taking a bath, she owes her life to the watchfulness of the janitor."

Notice: Will the lady who left her eleven children at the Pontiac Silverdome please pick them up. They are beating the Lions 14-0.

Thelma and I wish all of you a Danish "Glaedelig Jul."



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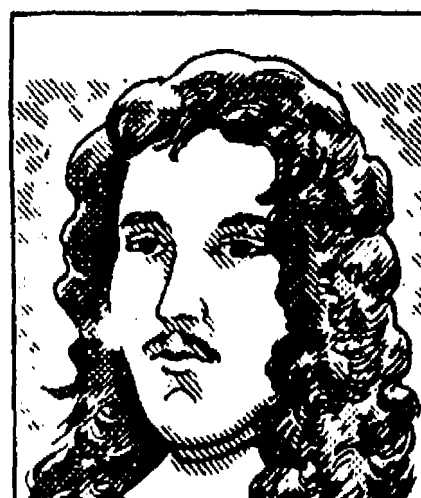
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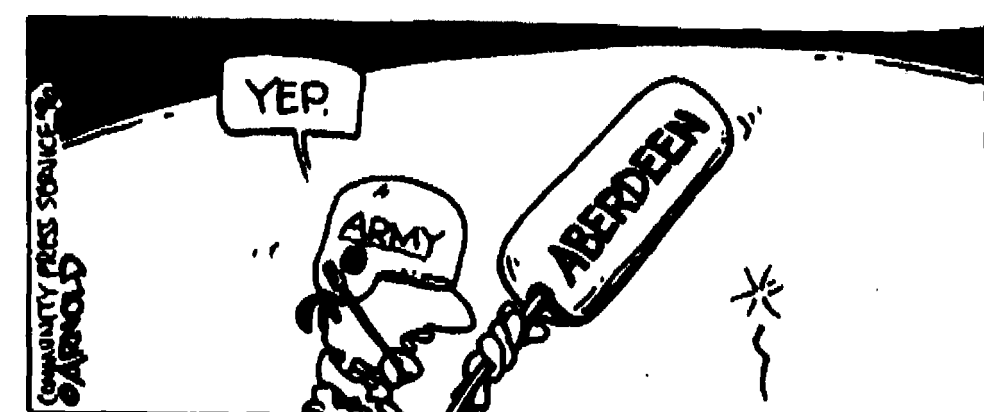
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The intellect is always fooled by the heart.  
*La Rochefoucauld*





# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## Alumni basketball game at GHS

On Saturday, Dec. 28, Grayling High School will host a boys basketball alumni game. The game is slated to begin at 7 p.m. with a slam dunk and three-point shot contests at halftime. If any alumni are interested in playing they should contact Doug Hinkle at 348-5214 or Rich Moffit at 348-7641. The game film will be shown at the Holiday Inn, following the game.

## Dinner for School-to-Work scheduled

On Jan. 20, from 6:30-9 p.m. the Crawford-Otsego-Ogemaw-Roscommon (COOR) School-to-Work Legislative Dinner will be held at the Forwards Quality Inn in West Branch. An RSVP is required. Teachers, legislators and business and industry members have been invited to the dinner. The Jan. 20 date replaces the original Dec. 18 dinner that was scheduled for the Grayling Holiday Inn.

## Executive council meeting in January

The Crawford-Otsego-Ogemaw-Roscommon (COOR) School-to-Work executive council meeting for Dec. 18 was cancelled, but the council will be meeting January 15, from 7:30-9 a.m. at Kirtland Community College's Continuing Education Center.

## First Baptist to have Christmas program

On Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. the First Baptist Church in Frederic will have a Christmas program.

## Free gift wrapping to be offered

Due to the number of requests from area shoppers, the Grayling Baptist Servant Evangelism Team will be offering free gift wrapping once again in the Grayling Mini-mall on Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Free ice skating lessons to be held

On Dec. 27 free ice skating lessons will be held at Hanson Hills on the new ice rink.

## Meet the grads in the GHS library

On Friday, Dec. 20, Grayling High School will host Meet the Grads Days in the GHS library. Recent alumni of GHS will present their experiences concerning continuing education to current GHS juniors and seniors. Meet the Grads will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

## Name corrections

In last week's Crawford County Avalanche Janna Eddy's name was misspelled in the Grayling Middle School's forensics article and freshman Amy Doherty was misidentified in the Grayling High School junior varsity volleyball picture. In the Grayling High School freshman basketball team picture, Matt Mitchell was misidentified as the ballboy. He is an injured player who should return by the first time of the year.

## Positions filled in Crawford Schools

At Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting the following positions were filled: it was confirmed that Craig Hofman would become a paraprofessional at Grayling Middle School; Michele Butzin will become a paraprofessional at Frederic Elementary School and Kay Thomas-Hogan will become a paraprofessional at Grayling Elementary School.

## Santa to be in Frederic

Weather permitting Santa will be at the Frederic Community Park on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. If there is inclement weather Santa will be at the town hall. Children aged zero to 12 that live in Frederic or Maple Forest Township or attend the Frederic Elementary School are welcome to the event sponsored by the Frederic Fire Department and the workers in Frederic.

## Winner No. 3 announced

The Lions Lucky 13 winner No. 3 was Shirley Schmook. She won \$100.

## Kolcraft recalls child safety seat

Kolcraft, a manufacturer of child safety seats, has announced the recall of more than 51,400 car seats.

The defective seats have crotch straps which are incorrectly installed. Models affected are the Travel-About, Plus 5, Plus 4 and Infant Rider (Nos. 138xx and 368xx) manufactured March 4-April 20, 1996, July 17, 1996, July 25, 1996 and Aug. 19, 1996. Also affected are the Kolcraft Travel-About, Plus 5 and Carters Travel 5 (Nos. 13833, 13842 and 13852) manufactured May 1-Sept. 30, 1996.

Owners of these seats are instructed to call Kolcraft at 1-800-453-7673 to receive instructions on how to examine the strap retainer for proper installation and how to properly install the clip, if necessary. Parents are reminded that children under 13 should be properly buckled in the back seat of vehicles with passenger-side air bags. Adult drivers should sit as far back from the air bag as comfortable and practical when driving. Anyone wishing to receive more information or register a complaint concerning this recall campaign are encouraged to call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393.



**PLAY GROUP PARTICIPANTS** -- Members of the play group are (from left) Stephan Ohsowski, Patrick Ohsowski, Allie Barber, Madilyn Gabriel, Shane Turner and Kiersten Mead. The adults involved in the play group are (from left) Joelle Gabriel, Jenny Turner and Laura Mead.

## Play, support group created for toddlers, moms

Four months ago a play group was established for preschool-age and under kids.

The group was formed to allow children and moms to interact with other children and other moms.

"It's not just a play group, it's a support group for moms, too," said group member Joelle Gabriel.

The moms share experiences and thoughts to help each other raise their children.

For example, one mom needed help finding a good babysitter. The other moms explained the process they went through to find a babysitter.

Other moms reassured each other that children develop at different ages and not all children walk or talk at the same age.

"(My daughter) is an only child and I want her to be able to play with other little kids," said group member Laura Mead.

Projects have been planned for the group, however, the projects had to be cancelled because of low attendance.

Currently the group only has four or five moms that take part in the play group consistently.

*We wish to extend our warmest holiday greetings to the community!*

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### DECEMBER 1996

**Merry Christmas!**  
Wednesday, Dec. 25

THURS. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>WRESTLING</b> at Petoskey, 6 pm.</li> <li>•<b>FRESH BBB</b> vs. Gaylord, away, 7 pm.</li> <li>•<b>HS &amp; MS HOLIDAY VOCAL CONCERT</b> Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7 pm. Admission free.</li> <li>•<b>TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)</b> meeting @ Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information.</li> <li>•<b>AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE</b> Community Bereavement support group meeting @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm.</li> <li>•<b>PARENTING WITH A PURPOSE</b> meetings @ New Life Community Services, 9-10:30 am.</li> <li>•<b>RED CROSS</b> board meeting @ Mercy Hospital in the private dining room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information.</li> <li>•<b>SUPPORT GROUP MEETING</b> for Fibromyalgia &amp; Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome patients &amp; families @ Mercy Hospital cafeteria, 7 pm. Call Laura @ 348-7423 for more information.</li> <li>•<b>BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB</b> @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 6:30 pm. For information call 348-7905.</li> <li>•<b>GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY</b> meeting @ Hanson Hills, 7 pm.</li> </ul>
FRI. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>CHRISTMAS DINNERS</b> @ Commission on Aging, 12:30 and 5 pm. Dancing in between.</li> <li>•<b>BBB</b> vs. Gaylord, home, 6 pm.</li> <li>•<b>MEET THE GRADS</b> @ HS media center, 9:30-11:30 am.</li> <li>•<b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> for all students, beginning with HS @ 11:30 am for winter vacation.</li> </ul>
SAT. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>UPPER MANISTEE RIVER</b> Citizens Advisory Group meeting @ Bear Lake Township Hall, 9-11 am.</li> </ul>
SUN. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>ATTEND THE CHURCH</b> of your choice today.</li> <li>•<b>WHAT IN THE WORLD IS CHRISTMAS?</b> A Christmas musical @ Grayling Assembly of God Church, 6 pm.</li> </ul>
MON. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>SURVIVORS OF INCEST &amp; Sexual Abuse</b> meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information.</li> <li>•<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> for winter vacation, thru Jan. 1.</li> </ul>
TUES. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></li> <li>•<b>GRAYLING CITY OFFICES CLOSED</b> for the Christmas holiday.</li> <li>•<b>SENIOR CENTER</b> closed for Christmas.</li> </ul>
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**Due to the Christmas Holiday, Deadlines for the Dec. 26th Crawford County Avalanche are as follows:**

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING - Thursday, Dec. 19th**

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**CLASSIFIED - Friday, Dec. 20th**

**Classified Lines will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 23rd**

**Due to the New Year's Holiday, Deadlines for the Jan. 2nd Crawford County Avalanche are as follows:**

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING - Wednesday, Jan. 2nd**

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**CLASSIFIED - Thursday, Jan. 3rd**

**Classified Lines will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 30th**

**The Crawford County Avalanche office will close**  
**Tuesday Dec. 24th at 2:00 pm, Wednesday Dec. 25th,**  
**Tuesday Dec. 31 at 3 pm & Wednesday Jan. 1st**

# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## Who Cares?

Since 1960, America has faced spiritual and moral degeneration leading to the decomposition of our traditional culture. In *The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators*, William Bennett has compiled the following statistics: From 1960 to 1990 "... there has been more than a 500 percent increase in violent crimes; more than 400 percent increase in illegitimate births; a tripling of the percentage of children living in single-parent homes; a tripling in the teenage suicide rate; a doubling in the divorce rate; and a drop of almost 75 points in SAT scores."

Morality determines more than Money. Crime was low in the Great Depression of the 30's when most of us were poor. Someone doing wrong then, was often confronted by representatives of their church, business community, school, neighbors, police officers, as well as other family members. Everyone felt the pressure and power of social stigma and social restraint to prevent evil.

There was a sense of moral responsibility toward others in the community. Every person felt pressured toward social conformity, moral restraint, and self control to maintain a standard of community morality.

Today public thinking has been changed to open-mindedness, leading to moral apathy, and selfishness. Multiculturalism is replacing American culture. Self-esteem has replaced community esteem. Self-expression is chosen over moral restraint. Individualism has replaced the golden rule. Self-realization is the lifetime goal. Personal choice has become the community god. Who cares if God, the Bible, and the established traditions of Western Civilization are being rejected as our outdated nostalgic past?

Who Cares? God cares! "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psalms 9:17) "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our

Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Do you care about your future, your family, your friends, and your fatherland?

Pastor "B"

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**Christian Science Society**  
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2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974  
Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885-Parsonage 348-2588  
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Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
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Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
Primary ..... 11 a.m.  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
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Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)**  
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## Ambassadors see sub's final voyage

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

"It was great."

That was the way Grayling resident Art Thayer responded following his trip to the decommissioning ceremony of the naval submarine, the USS Grayling.

Grayling Mayor Bob Golnick and Thayer, Lt. Commander United States Navy Retired, attended the decommissioning of the sub bearing the City of Grayling's name. The Grayling submarine actually was named after the Grayling fish.

The Grayling was one of the newest of the nuclear-powered attack-type submarines in 1967. The sub was commissioned on June 22, 1967 at 12:18 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Art Thayer and their daughters attended the commissioning ceremony.

The Grayling ended 27 years of active service Dec. 10 in the deactivation ceremony, part of a Navy effort to downsize the submarine fleet.

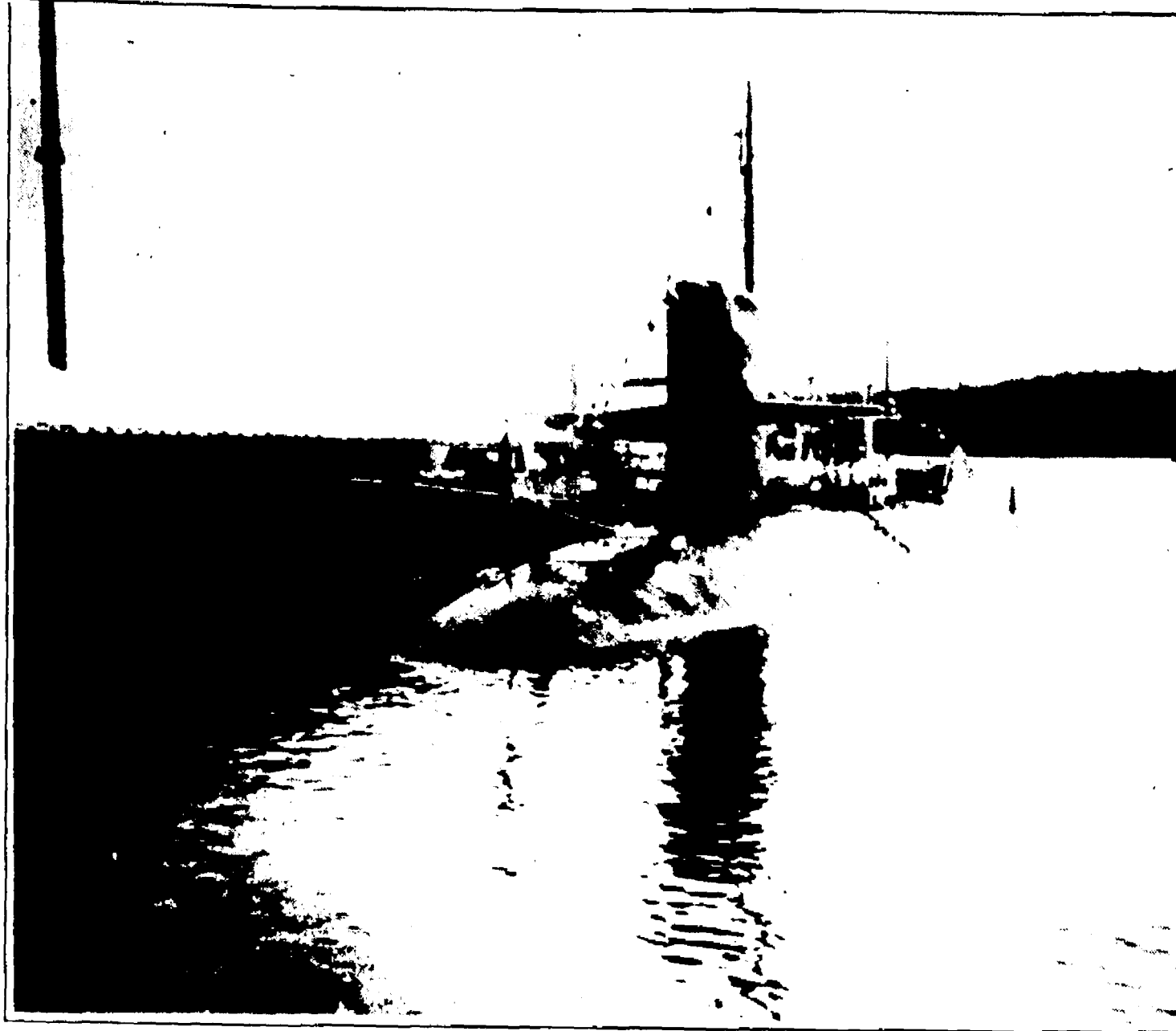
Golnick and Thayer attended the ceremony at the Groton Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut, as ambassadors of City of Grayling, Crawford County, the American Legion and the VFW posts.

The two local ambassadors were presented with a United States Flag that had flown over the sub for the city, and plaques and caps for themselves.

On Monday evening, Dec. 9, Thayer and Golnick attended an awards ceremony where 50 members of the crew were awarded medals and/or letters of commendation. Golnick and Thayer were introduced at the awards ceremony and at the decommissioning ceremony.

Mayor Golnick presented the Grayling's captain, Cmdr. Samuel Miller and Adm. Albert Konetzni, Jr. with keys to the city.

The ship's sponsor, New London native Lori Cullen, the daughter of the skipper who was lost with the first Grayling, returned to watch the ship leave the active roster. Cullen and Thayer were the only persons in



**END OF AN ERA** — The naval submarine called the Grayling was decommissioned Tuesday, Dec. 10. (Right photo) Local representatives met with submarine officials. Picture, from left, are Grayling resident and retired navy sailor Art Thayer, Commander Skip Miller and Grayling Mayor Bob Golnick.



attendance who had also been there when the present Grayling was launched in 1967.

There is no word as of yet on whether local groups will receive any pieces of the decommissioned sub, they requested. The local interests are working through Congressman Dave Camp's office in hopes of getting pieces of the sub for historical purposes.

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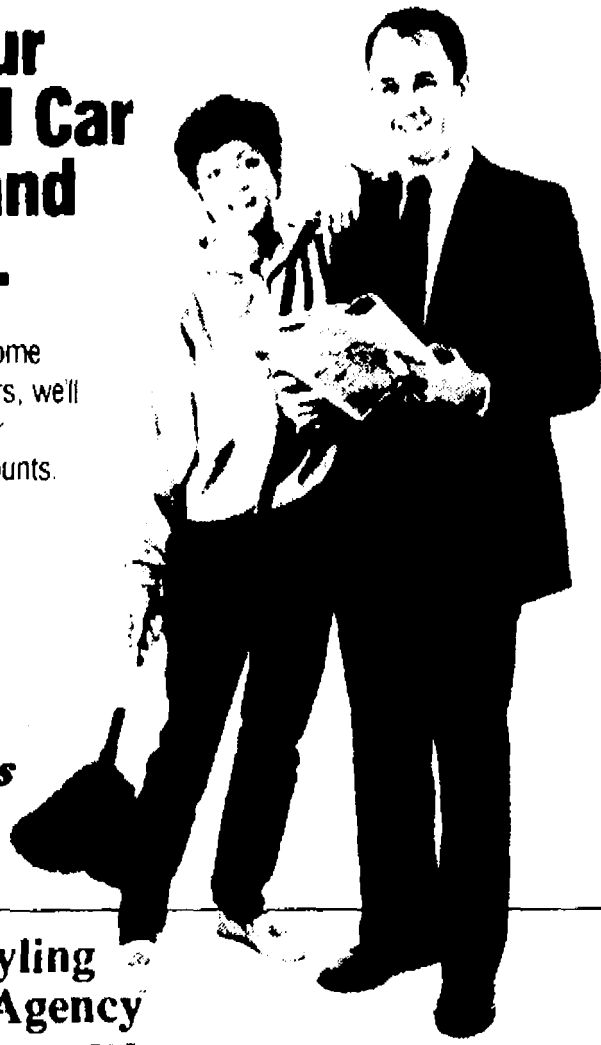
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from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

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If you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason), make sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records. If you don't do this, we may have problems posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

To get a replacement card, you usually need one identifying document. To change the name on your card, you need documentation that shows your old name and your new name. If you were born outside the United States, you generally must show proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status. Your replacement card will have the same number as your old card.

If you have a child who was born this year and doesn't have a Social

Security number, make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. The law requires you to list the Social Security number on your tax return for each dependent born before Nov. 1, 1996, being claimed on your 1996 tax return. If you have a child born before Nov. 1 who doesn't have a Social Security number, you should make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. Remember, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process a return without the correct Social Security numbers for dependents.

If you're already getting Social Security benefits and you moved this year, make sure we have your new address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank forget to tell us about a change in their mailing address.)

You must notify the post office and Social Security immediately if you change your mailing address. In fact, failure to report a change of address is the leading cause of checks not arriving on time. Your report should include your claim number, your old address, and the new address, including ZIP code. Give the names of all family members who should receive benefits or information at the new address.

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## Interviews conducted for open road board seat

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

Although the members who sit on the Crawford County Road Commission no longer are elected, there still is one seat that is open during this election year.

Kenneth Chapp's six-year appointment to the road commission is up at the end of this year. The county commissioners decided at their board meeting Dec. 10 that interviews for the open position were to be conducted Dec. 17.

The interviewing began at 9:30 a.m. at the county courthouse. The interviews were conducted by the current six commissioners and newly elected commissioner Lynette Corlew.

There were six applicants for the six-year term. The six prospective road commissioners were scheduled for a half-hour interview apiece.

According to Crawford County Chairman Bruce Bretzke, the final decision of the appointed person will

probably be made at the next formal board meeting. The next formal meeting is the organizational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.

The road commissioners used to be elected positions in Crawford County, but the board switched it to an appointment process. Chapp, who is finishing out the six-year term, is one of the six applicants for the position.

In other board action, the commissioners approved a motion instituting a "employee of the month" program for county employees.

Bretzke said the program would call for the recognition of one county employee each month for his or her hard work.

The Crawford County department heads are to submit a candidate by the first county board meeting of each month as part of the program. The commissioners will make the employee of the month selection for the upcoming month at their second meeting of the preceding month.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

**Special thought for the week:** The sweetest music on a blustery, cold morning is that of your car starting!

**Happenings for the rest of December are:** COA Board meeting at 5:30 this Wednesday; our Annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 20 with 2 meal times — 12:30 and 5 p.m. with dancing in-between. This year the menu consists of roast sirloin tip, mashed potatoes, asparagus, rolls, salads and cherry cheese cake. Come celebrate the holiday season with us. Please call and specify which time you want to come (348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500).

"Pantry Bingo" will begin on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. and continue each week. There will be a donation requested/not required of \$1.00 per card with a limit of 6 cards per person and, as the name suggests, prizes will be pantry items with a grand jackpot prize. Come and have fun playing bingo with your friends and neighbors.

**Busy times at the Senior Center:** We would like to invite everyone to take time out of their busy schedule,

especially at this time of year, to come and have a meal with us or just stop in for coffee. We'd love to have you come and see us so that we could wish you a merry Christmas and give you best wishes for the new year.

Join us for meals. We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; soup served on Monday and Wednesday; and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. It really is the best deal in town — \$1.50 donation for seniors and \$3 for those under 60.

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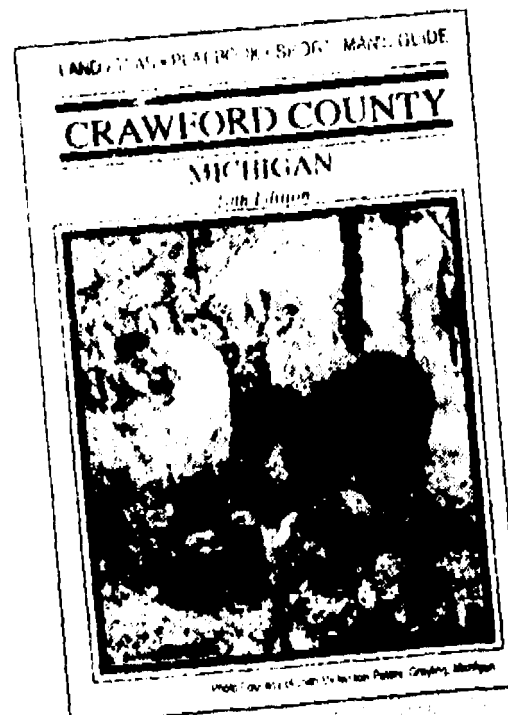
The Responsible Environmental Action Partnership (REAP) Annual Awards Banquet will be Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn of Alpena. The Senior Policy Specialist for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), Richard X. Moore, will give the keynote address.

Moore was a key leader in MUCC's recent successful election effort to pass Proposal G and defeat Proposal D. He will share some thoughts on balancing environmental and economic concerns.

The Second Annual O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards will also be presented at the banquet. There will be winners in three categories: individual, business, and organization.

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**CHAMBER HONOREES** — Don and Rae Ann Schanz will be honored for their years of service to the community. The tribute will occur at the "Business After Hours."

## 'Business After Hours' to honor former president

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" on Thursday, Dec. 19 will include a farewell tribute to Don and Rae Ann Schanz.

They will leave the area just before the end of the year for North Carolina. Don Schanz, the human resources director at Weyerhaeuser's Grayling plant, has taken a position with a similar Weyerhaeuser facility.

This "Business After Hours" will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Those planning to attend are asked to call the Chamber

at 348-2921 to facilitate planning.

Don Schanz served as president of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce in 1994-95, then accepted a second term for 95-96, when the vice president was unable to move up due to other commitments. During that time he guided the chamber to growth of some 335 members, and a transition of executive directors from Deb Allen to Jerry Meyer.

In addition to his leadership on the chamber board, executive committee and as president, he has been active in many civic organizations, his church,

and an enthusiastic booster of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Rae Ann Schanz, recently named "Woman of the Year" by the Grayling Promotional Association, has been a tireless worker on community projects, often working behind the scenes with little recognition.

Business After Hours is a monthly Chamber of Commerce Networking event, held the third Thursday of each month. Members interested in being a sponsor can contact the chamber office for details.

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## New ice rink trying to organize

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

Director of Hanson Hills, Cindy Olson, held a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, to discuss what activities would be held on the new ice rink at Hanson Hills. The Lions Club donated a liner for the rink and offered to help support it in the future.

Hanson Hills is offering basic skating lessons and a basic hockey class for educational purposes on Tuesday and Thursday, but only half of the ice will be used for these classes.

The committee started to develop a calendar which will be put into the Avalanche. The committee decided that it was too late to start any real hockey program, because it was late in the season and that there are no side boards.

The committee is looking toward the future and will only focus on open skates for adults and certain age groups and specific times.

They are hoping to get side boards,

lights, bulletin board, and a skate changing shack or possibly a warming shack in the near future.

The ice will be open seven days a week starting at 10 a.m. and closing at 9 p.m.

The committee is not set and would appreciate more people coming out to give their support.

"We really need volunteers to spend some time with kids and supervising some activities to insure some safety on the ice," said Olson.

The ice program will not work if they do not have people willing to help supervise and organize ideas. Organizing a hockey program that is challenging, fun and educational needs a lot of volunteers.

The biggest problem they feel they will face this year is maintenance of the ice, but the initial committee volunteers will try to maintain the ice.

The initial volunteers are Olson, Charles Dugas, John Wejrowski, Beth Calkins who teaches the skating and hockey class, Tim Slaine and Craig Hofman.

"We need more people and more ideas. The more people that can help, the more resources we can pull together to help get this idea running," said Olson.

If you would like to volunteer some time or information, you can call Cindy Olson at 348-9266 or come to the next meeting about the ice on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Recreation Building.



**50 YEARS TOGETHER** — Carl Henry and Gloria Jean Neilson celebrated their golden anniversary with family on Thanksgiving. In attendance were Jeanie from Idaho, Larry from Colorado, Louie with his wife, Teresa, and little Gloria Jean from Texas, and Doug and Karen from Grayling. Carl and Gloria were happy that all of their children got together in honor of their 50 years of marriage. The couple was married Dec. 3, 1946 at St. Mary's in Grayling.

## New coaches hired

Mitchell Rosekrans, athletic director at Grayling High School, recently hired new athletic coaches for Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School.

The new coaches at Grayling Middle School are Robert Gorski (eighth grade basketball) and Dan Benkert (wrestling).

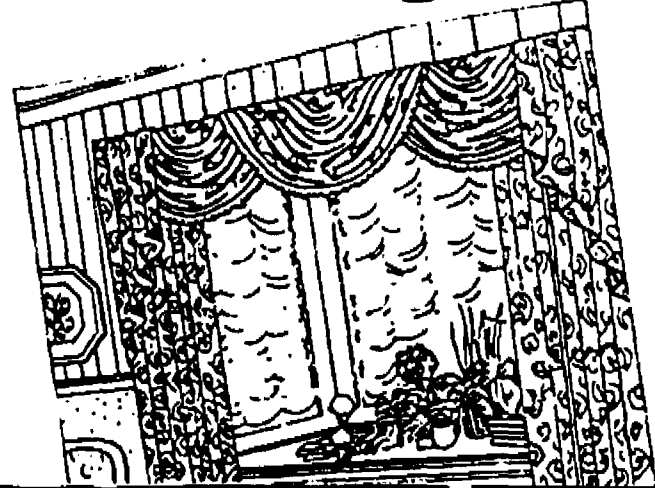
The new GHS coaches are Kelly

Simmons (junior varsity cheerleading) and Dwayne Van Drese (junior varsity baseball).

Interviews were recently completed for the girls varsity soccer position. However, as of this printing the new coach had not been named.

The girls varsity track position is open and posted.

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## MILITARY NEWS

### Martin Kroell

Marine Pfc. Martin L. Kroell, son of Marsha L. and Martin L. Kroell, III, of 1022 Little John, Grayling, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and was promoted to his present rank.

Kroell successfully completed 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Kroell and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Kroell spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat-water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted-weapons training.

Kroell and fellow recruits worked as a team to solve a number of tactical problems during the program. They performed close order drill and operated as a Marine small infantry unit in the field.

Kroell and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Kroell joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine corps this year from all over the country.

The 1996 graduate of Grayling High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1996.



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### Crawford County Sheriff Department



## Sheriff Patrol

The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 96 incidents from Dec. 9 through Dec. 16:

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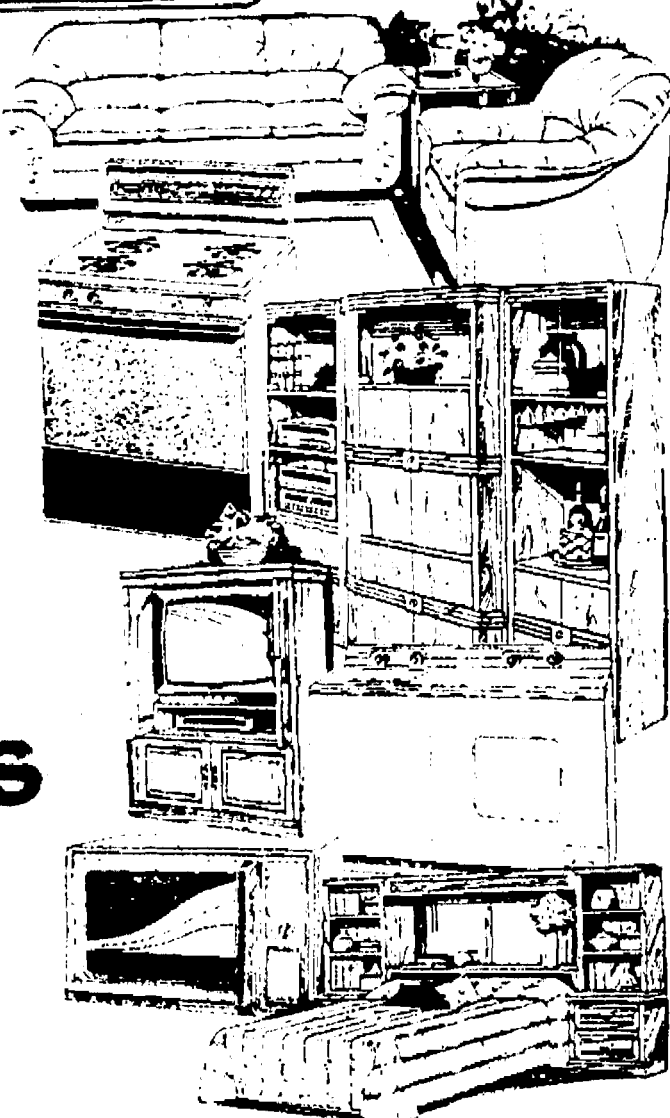
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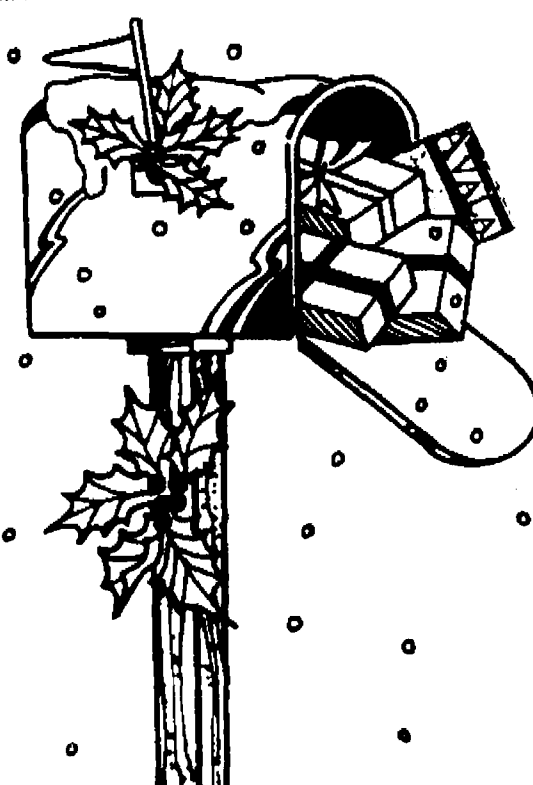
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George and Tammy Gasser of Grayling, announce the arrival of Shanna Rae and Maggie Mae Gasser, born Dec. 9, 1996.

Kirk and Melinda Brooks of Houghton Lake, announce the arrival of Brandon Michael Brooks, born Dec. 10, 1996.

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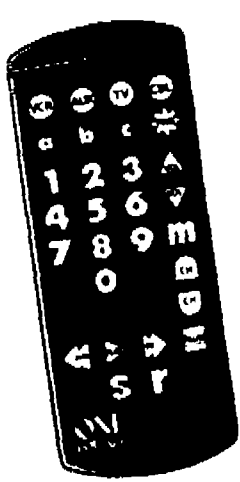
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by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

**Question:** My children love to play outside even in the coldest weather. Should I worry about frostbite?

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wrapped up in their winter play that they may want to stay outside all day. Because of this, parents and caregivers need to supervise their children's winter play.

The National Safe Kids Campaign offers the following suggestions to protect children from frostbite this winter.

- Dress children warmly in several thin layers such as thermal long underwear, turtlenecks, one or two shirts, pants, sweaters, coat, warm socks, boots, gloves or mittens and a hat.
- Set time limits for outdoor play. Call them in frequently to warm up with a warm drink or snack.
- When possible, avoid taking infants outdoors when it is colder than 40 degrees since infants lose body heat quickly.
- If a child complains of numbness or pain in the fingers or toes, nose, cheeks, or ears while playing in the snow, or if their skin is blistered, hard to the touch or glossy, parents or caregivers should be alerted to the possibility of frostbite and take the following steps:
  - Bring child indoors
  - Consult a physician
  - Tell the child to wiggle the body parts to increase blood supply to that area
  - Warm the frozen parts against the body if possible (such as hold the fingers to the chest)
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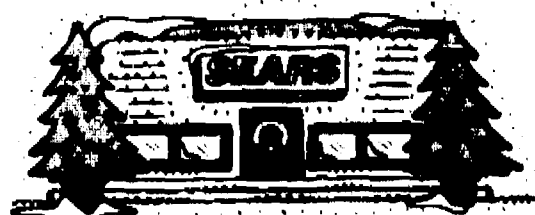
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## Joseph Webb

Dr. Joseph Prentiss Webb II, 83, of Central Lake, died of cancer on Nov. 22, 1996, after a short illness. He was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, to Robert H. and Blanche Webb, both parents are deceased.

Dr. Webb earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1935, and his doctorate degree in medicine in 1939, from the University of Virginia.

An internist for all his professional life, he was employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, and the University of Michigan Health Service, Ann Arbor. He had been retired for 20 years.

His first wife of 30 years, Katherine Miller Webb, predeceased him in 1965.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Viola Baxter Huss Webb; four children, Ann O'Brien of Toronto, Canada, Katherine Johnson, of Seattle, Washington, Jane Frischer of Los Angeles, California, and Robert Webb, III, of Gainesville, Florida; two stepsons, John Huss of Grayling, and Warren Huss of Seward, Alaska; 6 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

During his retirement, Dr. Webb continued his hobbies of skiing, trout and salmon fishing, and spent many happy evenings singing the old jazz classics at piano bars in Traverse City and Petoskey. "Dr. Jazz" will be missed among the jazz community in this area and in Naples, Florida, where the Webbs have wintered for the past several years. He will also be remembered as a raconteur extraordinaire, holding any audience with his story-telling.

Dr. Webb supported many charitable causes, including the American Lung Association, the Sloane Kettering Cancer Institute, the March of Dimes, the University of Virginia Foundation, Planned Parenthood, the Grass River Association, the Tip of the Mitt, the Northern Michigan Hospital Burns Clinic, the Episcopal High School, Interlochen Public Radio, and the Central Lake Library. Contributions may be made in his name to any of these charities.

Arrangements were made by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

## Viola Webb

Viola Baxter Huss Webb, 85, died Dec. 3, 1996.

She was born Jan. 30, 1911 in Jackson, to Richard and Margaret Wasson Baxter and was known to her family and friends as "Vi". She lived in Ann Arbor with her husband, John H. Huss, who was Director of the Michigan Municipal League until his death in 1962.

She married Dr. Joseph Prentiss Webb II in 1967, eventually taking up residence in Central Lake upon Dr. Webb's retirement in 1976. Dr. Webb preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 1996.

Mrs. Webb loved the out of doors all her life and winters found her into her seventies on the down hill ski slopes of Northern Michigan, Colorado and Utah. During the spring and early summer months she could be found at her cabin on the North Branch of the AuSable River where she was recognized as a very accomplished fly fisherman, a sport which she first took up in the mid 1940s. Summers were spent in her gardens and accompanying her husband to Traverse City and Petoskey where they enjoyed many evenings of Dixieland Jazz, with the Doctor often accompanying the band with his unique vocal renditions.

As late as July of this past summer, she was fishing for silver salmon in Alaska where she had often fished for salmon, trout and grayling.

She is survived by her sons, John B. and wife Sharon Huss of Grayling and Dr. Warren W. and wife Mary Huss of Seward, Alaska; four step-children, Anne and husband Michael O'Brien of Toronto, Canada, Katherine Johnson of Seattle, Washington, Jane and husband Bernard Frischer of Los Angeles, California, and Robert Webb, II of Gainesville, Florida; six grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Webb's ashes will be interred at graveside services to be held Friday, Dec. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor, with David Stephenson of Grayling officiating.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Munson Medical Center of Traverse City.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## Earl Johnston

Earl E. "Ted" Johnston, 59, of Salt Springs, Florida, died at Munroe Hospital in Ocala, Florida.

He was born Jan. 1, 1937, to Earl and Pearl Johnston. Both parents are deceased.

Mr. Johnston lived most of his life in Grayling, where he operated the former Airport Auto Services. He later owned and operated the former Crawford County Collision.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife of 25 years, Judy (Given) Johnston.

Surviving are a daughter and five sons: Dawn Mills and husband Charlie of Palm Bay, Florida; James and wife Ronda of Blue Spring, Missouri; Mickey and wife Debbie of Atlanta, Georgia; Adam and wife Marilou of Tokyo, Japan; Charles and wife Jennifer of National City; and Earl "Ted Jr." of Sterling Heights.

Also surviving is sister Jackie of Union Lake, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Johnston was preceded in death by his sister, Edith.

It was Mr. Johnston's request that no funeral services be held.

## George Nowlin

George Dean Nowlin, 58, of South Branch Township, Roscommon, died suddenly Dec. 10, 1996, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Mr. Nowlin was born in Roscommon on June 16, 1938 to Donald G. and Ella May (Durrance) Nowlin who both preceded him in death.

He was married to Joyce Nielson.

He was raised in Roscommon and moved to Fenton. He was employed as an electrician at the V-8 Engine plant in Flint for 30 years before retiring on July 1, 1994. He returned to live in Roscommon two years ago.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton and a member of UAW local 679.

Mr. Nowlin is survived by two children: Bret Nowlin of Belleville and Terri Nowlin of Cullowee, North Carolina; one sister, Gloria and husband Larry Hemingway of Flint; and former wife Joyce Guibault.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, with Pastor Leslie Sallers officiating, at Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon.

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## Northwood names area student to Dean's List

Kaethe E. Callewaert of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List for Fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, acting academic dean of the college.

Callewaert is the daughter of Joseph and Jean Callewaert of Grayling.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

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## Lawrence Duby

Lawrence E. Duby, 47, of Lovells, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, in Grayling.

Visitation was Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m.

A full obituary will follow in the next edition of the Avalanche.

## Miss Michigan teen pageant deadline set

Pageant officials announced Saturday, Feb. 1, as the deadline for applications to the 1997 Miss Michigan Teen Pageant to be staged in Dearborn, in the main ballroom of the Holiday Inn Fairlane Area on March 22 and 23, 1997.

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Santa's in his sleigh  
Kids have their presents and  
Santa's on his way  
by Bob Ramaswamy

Snow, snow, snow  
Snow, snow, snow  
I want it to snow  
So I can build a snowman  
Hee, hee, hee, hee, hee  
by Jordan Klemish

Ring, ding, ding  
Ring, ding, ding  
Let's go out to play  
Yo, ho, ho the mistletoe and  
Santa's in his sleigh, Hey!  
by Scot Olson

Ho, ho, ho  
Ho, ho, ho  
Look at Frosty go  
Boys and girls play with him  
Because he's made of white bright snow, Hey!  
by Brittany Sloan

Ding, ding, ding  
Ding, ding, ding  
Santa is on his way to give his toys  
out for boys and girls  
All around the world, Hey!  
by Kristie Cummings

Clang, clang, clang  
Clang, clang, clang  
Reindeer fly all night  
You will hear little steps in your sleep  
Have a Merry Christmas, Hey!  
by Jeremy Canly

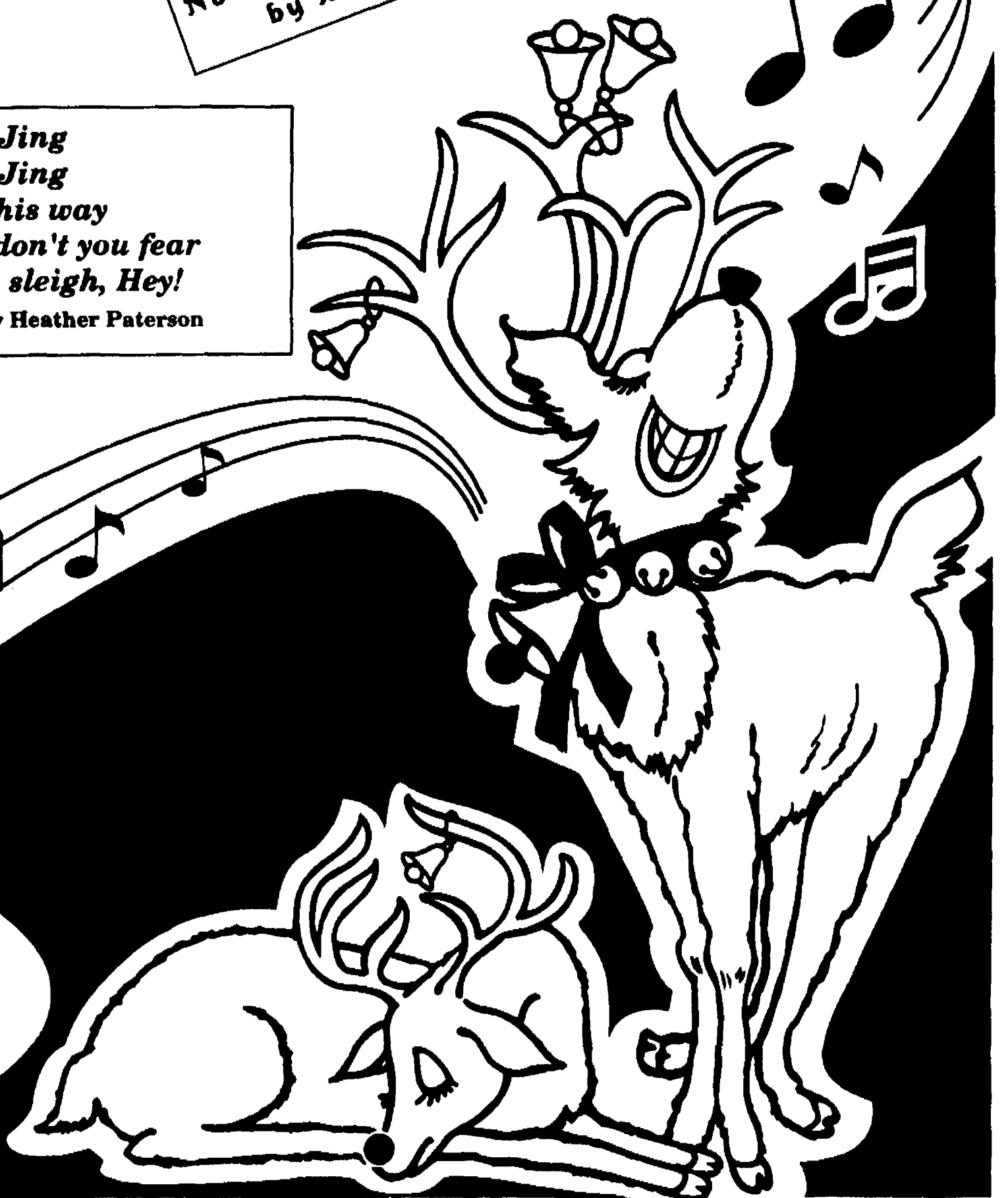
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Look, look, look  
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He is here, don't you fear  
He is on his sleigh, Hey!  
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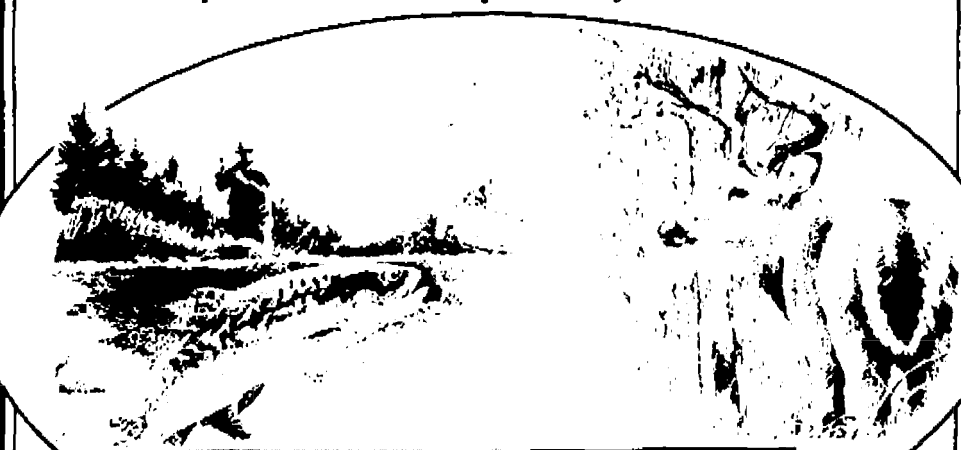
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# Grayling varsity boys work for 2-0 start

## Matt LaForest 'messes around' and gets a triple double

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School boys' varsity basketball team started out the season with two victories. The Vikings were able to hold off a surging Elk Rapids team on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 64-57. The Vikings then traveled to Onaway and defeated the Cardinals 66-48 on Friday, Dec. 13.

The Vikings first home game started out with a fast pace and good aggressive defense from both teams. Offensively, both teams struggled, but started to come on at the end of the quarter. The Vikings did a good job of rebounding, especially on the defensive end of the floor.

The Vikings were able to obtain the lead at the end of the first quarter, by the score of 18-14.

The Vikings got into some early foul trouble, and all of the free throws

by Elk Rapids helped them stay in the game in the first half. Elk Rapids would end up shooting 18 free throws and they made 14 of them.

Elk Rapids used their excellent free-throw shooting and the Vikings' struggles of offense to gain the lead at halftime 36-32.

Nate Hinkle had eight points and two three-pointers in the quarter to help keep the Vikings close in the second half.

The Vikings needed to keep the Elks from penetrating the defense. The Elks' Ryan Reiter was able to score by driving down the middle.

The third quarter remained close throughout, and the Elks held the lead at the end by two points, 49-47. Both teams played with a lot of aggressiveness and played good defense and offense.

The Vikings picked up the pace at

the beginning of the fourth quarter. With pressure defense and some fast breaks, the Vikings sprinted into the lead, 59-51, with 5:01 left in the game.

Elk Rapids did not fade away and fought their way back into the game. The Vikings were in the lead, 60-57, with 1:01 left in the game.

The Vikings were able to hold off the Elks and sealed the victory when Matt LaForest passed the ball to Sam Modica. Modica scored the basket and was fouled with :29 seconds left.

The Vikings showed a lot of spirit and confidence in maintaining their composure during a pressure situation. This was impressive, especially in the first game of the season. The Viking offense and defense improved throughout the night.

"Our kids played well, especially on the defensive end of the court, in the second half. They played well down the stretch," said Head Varsity Coach Rich Moffit.

The Vikings were lead in scoring by David Sabin and Nate Hinkle, who

each posted 14 points. Matt LaForest added 11 and Sam Modica scored 10 points. Brad Larm had seven points.

The Vikings shot 15/37 for two-pointers, and 7/23 from the three-point line.

Matt LaForest had 10 rebounds, 10 assists and eight steals. Sam Modica had six assists. David Sabin had six steals. The Vikings were five of eight from the three-point line.

The varsity traveled to Onaway and took control of the game in the second half. The Vikings outscored the Cardinals 39 to 21 in the second half.

"In the second half, our kids made better decisions with the basketball. We were very pleased with their intensity in the second half," said Moffit.

"We had a lot of players contribute at both ends of the court," said Moffit.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Matt LaForest with 16. Brad Larm added 14 and David Sabin has 12 points. Sam Modica and Nate Hinkle scored 11 points each.

Matt LaForest had four assists and Brad Larm had seven rebounds.

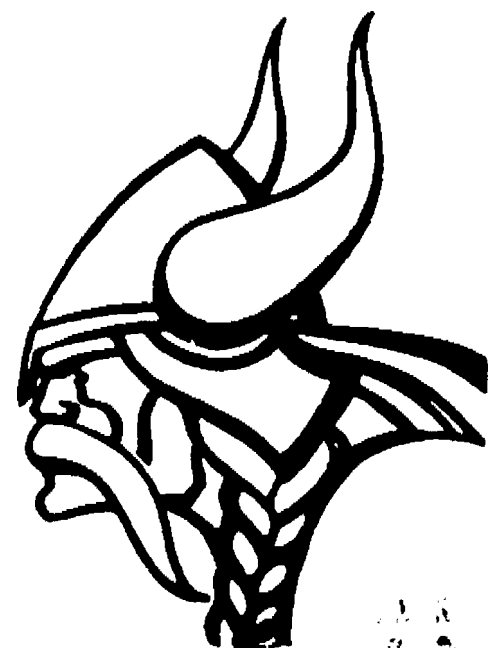
The Vikings were 18 of 30 for two-pointers, for 60 percent. Four of 13 shooting from the three-point line for the game.

The Vikings are 2-0 on the year and 1-0 in the conference.

The Vikings hosted Petoskey on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and will host the Gaylord Blue Devils on Friday, Dec. 20.



TAKING THE JUMPER — Ben Haskel (13) elevates and takes the jump shot against Elk Rapids.  
Photo by Craig Hofman



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# Viking spikers get off to good start with dominating performance

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

All athletic teams like to begin each new season on a good note, and for the Grayling High School volleyball team that was no different.

The varsity Vikings came out setting and pounding the ball en route to a dominating three-game sweep in a match against East Jordan.

Grayling hosted East Jordan in the first Viking match of the 1996-97 season. Grayling defeated East Jordan by the scores of 15-7, 15-4 and 15-9.

"It was a good start for us," Head Coach Rebecca Brown said. "We hope to get a lot better as the season progresses, but it is always nice to start with a win."

Kristie Cadeau led the Vikings with 30 sets in the match. She also added seven spikes, eight tips and seven

passes.

"I was very happy with the way Kristie played," Brown said. "It is kind of a new position for her, and she did a nice job of serving and setting."

Cadeau led the Vikings with a 20-for-20 performance serving.

Finishing behind Cadeau with 13 sets was Amy Godlewski. Godlewski also added six passes and three saves in the match.

With the good job of setting by the team, there also were some good hitting performances. Erin Smith, Jessica St. Germain and Jessica Waite led the hitting attack with powerful spikes.

"I am very pleased with the attack potential of this team," Brown said. "As time goes on, we should get even

stronger with out hitting. I like the way Waite, Smith and St. Germain go after the ball."

Smith and St. Germain finished with eight spikes and Waite added seven. The three big hitters also passed the ball well. Waite led the team with 23 passes.

The team was led defensively by Waite, Brown said. She was always in the right position to make the return.

Brown also was pleased that everyone got a chance to see some action in the match and everyone contributed.

Although pleased with the first game victory, Brown said there is always things to work on. One item she

mentioned was continuing to work on offensive strategy, including disguising the play with fakes.

Grayling was hopeful that the early season success would carry over to Gaylord. The Vikings were scheduled to battle the Blue Devils Wednesday, Dec. 18.

"Gaylord has a very good program," Brown said, following the East Jordan match. "We have a great rivalry with them."

The Grayling spikers will be traveling to Roscommon Saturday, Dec. 21 to take part in the Roscommon Volleyball Tournament. This will be the Vikings final action until after Christmas break.

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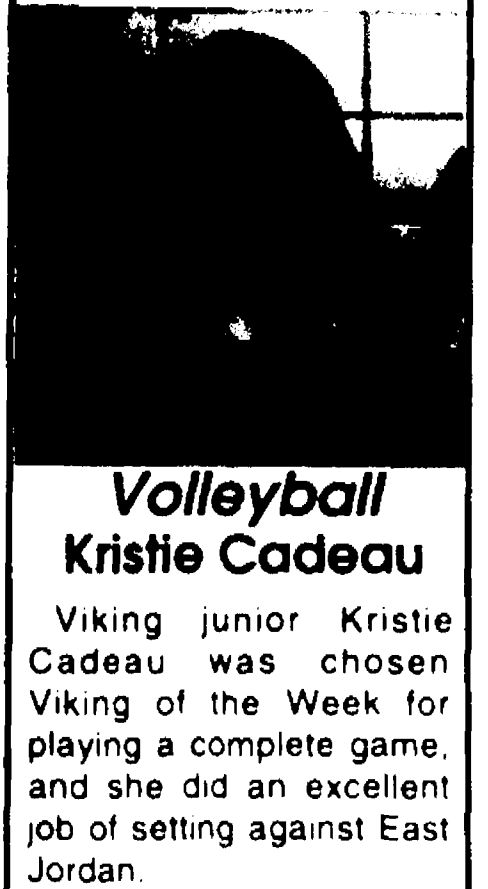
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## Holiday Inn Viking of the week



## Volleyball Kristie Cadeau

Viking junior Kristie Cadeau was chosen Viking of the Week for playing a complete game, and she did an excellent job of setting against East Jordan.

## JV gets first win, looks to tourney

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The junior varsity volleyball team from Grayling High School hope the first win Monday, Dec. 16 and a good showing against Gaylord will lead to a good performance in the first tournament on the schedule.

Head Coach Marty Winkler said prior to the season that the JV's first two matches and some practice time during Christmas break would give the team a chance to improve before the first tournament.

That first JV tournament will be in Rogers City on Saturday, Jan. 4.

The JV Vikings took care of the first part of the formula by defeating East Jordan in their first match of the season. Grayling won the first two games, 15-3 and 15-10.

The two teams decided to play a third game for practice, even though the match already was decided. East Jordan won the practice game, 15-3. "I thought we played well being our first match," Winkler said. "We did see some things we need to improve on."

It is always a good way to start the season with a win under the team's belt, Winkler said.

Mandy Trudgeon played a good game for the home team. According to Winkler, Trudgeon did a good job of serving and setting. Trudgeon also was the team's leading passer.

Freshman Amanda Johns, playing in her first high school game, played very well. The final statistics show Johns served eight points in two games of action.

The second-year coach also was pleased with the strong passing turned in by Sara Autumn.

The JV Vikings were scheduled to take on Gaylord in Blue Devil country Wednesday, Dec. 18. This is the last game action scheduled until after Christmas break.



NICE DIG — Jamie McGuire digs the return of serve from an East Jordan player. Looking on and preparing for the pass are Jessica St. Germain (10) and Jessica Waite (11).



RECEIVING THE SET — Sophomore Sara Autem (16) gets ready to hit the ball that was set by a teammate. The JVs battled East Jordan at home Monday night.

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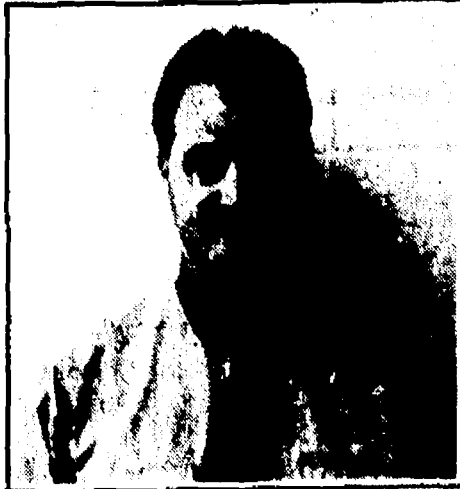
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## Wrestlers earn runner-up trophy with teamwork

### Petoskey Northmen to provide Vikings with pre-Christmas battle

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The Grayling Vikings had some good individual performances Saturday, Dec. 14, but it was their overall team effort that propelled the squad to an outstanding finish at the tournament held at Mason County Central.

The grapplers from Grayling brought home the second-place trophy.

The Vikings needed a strong showing at the tournament. They will take this recent momentum to Petoskey Thursday, Dec. 19 to face the powerful Petoskey wrestlers.

The battle with Petoskey will be the last meet for the Grayling wrestlers until after the holidays.

The Vikings finished behind Hesperia at Saturday's tournament. Head Coach Don Ferguson said Hesperia is a very tough team, so the second-place finish was a good showing for Grayling.

The top four teams and their totals at the tournament were Hesperia, 194.5 points; Grayling, 140; Benzie Central, 138; and Ludington, 121.

Leading the way for Grayling was an outstanding performance by senior Jason Hall (140). Hall was crowned champion of the 140-pound weight class.

Hall kept his perfect 10-0 record in tact with the quick victories against his tournament opponents.

Hall brought home the only first-

place showing for a Viking, but four other wrestlers finished second in their respective weight class.

Freshman Josh Niederer (103) finished runner-up and improved his season record to 6-3. Junior Ben Malonen (135) also took second place. This was a great performance, since this was Malonen's first wrestling of the season.

Seniors Josh Taylor and Joe Medeiros both suffered their first losses of the season, but still finished in second place. Taylor (145) and Medeiros (152) both have marks of 10-1 on the season.

Juniors Dave Shepherd (130) and

Nate Niederer (160) brought home third-place finishes. Shepherd has a season record of 8-3 and Niederer is 5-5.

The lone Viking fourth-place finish went to senior Dana Beckwith. The 119-pounder continued his strong wrestling proven by his 7-4 season record.

Also scoring points for the team were Eddie Davis, Armand Graube, Matt Evon and Charles Demoines. Davis (125) was injured at the tournament and had to forfeit his remaining matches.

According to Ferguson, Davis will be out of action until after the Christmas break. Davis would have finished first or second had the injury not occurred, Ferguson said.

Foreign exchange student Graube (171), Evon (103) and Demoines (145),

along with all of the rest of the Grayling wrestlers, provided the difference in second and third place as a team. As the final standings show, Grayling only finished second by two points.

"This was a good team victory," Ferguson said. "The kids all worked together. We were only second by two points, so all of the points earned were important."

The Vikings were scheduled to take on Elk Rapids and Rogers City in Elk Rapids Dec. 12, but that meet was cancelled due to weather conditions.

This meet would have provided a great match between Rogers City and Grayling — two of the teams expected to challenge for the Great Northern Conference championship.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** -- The Grayling High School varsity cheerleaders are (front, from left) Tiffany Craigie, Michelle Ledger and Mary Hibbard. The back row (l-r) is Annie Becks, Jessie Becks and Shannon Papendick.

Photo by Craig Hoffman



**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** -- The Grayling High School junior varsity cheerleaders are (front, from left) Amanda Love, Jamie Anderson, Missy Jackson, Heather Hatfield and Stephanie C. Verlinde. The back row (l-r) is Heidie Wallace, Darci Trudgeon and Tasha Carlisle.

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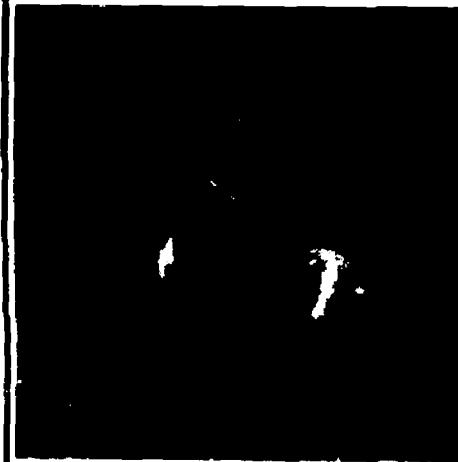
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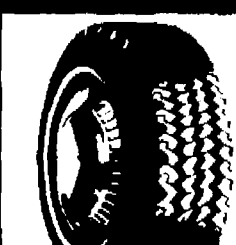
### Wrestling Jason Hall

Viking senior Jason Hall was chosen Viking of the Week because he improved to 10 and 0 by pinning three more opponents at Saturday's tournament at Mason County Central.

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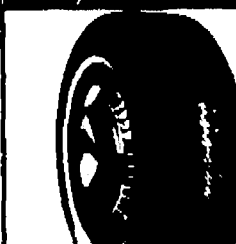
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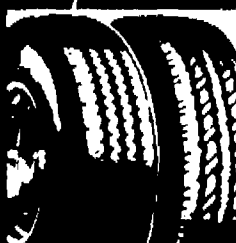
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# JV boys start out fast with 2-0 record

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity boys' basketball team started their season on a high note with two victories in the first week of the season. The Vikings began with a win at home against Elk Rapids on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 59-35. They continued their winning ways on Friday at Onaway. The Vikings won by the score of 71-42.

The Vikings' home opener started with both teams struggling from the offensive end. First game jitters seemed to affect both teams offensively. The Vikings were able to gain a lead and led at the end of the first quarter, 10-4, because of their aggressiveness and some nice drives to the basket.

The second quarter was a different story for the Vikings. Peter Mead opened up the scoring for the Vikings with a three-point play, and then the Viking defense applied pressure and caused the Elks to turn the ball over twice, which led to Viking baskets. With 6:44 remaining in the second quarter, the Vikings stretched their lead to 19-5.

The Viking offense cooled down after the hot start, but some good scoring bursts kept the Vikings in the lead. Defensive pressure and hustle also helped the Vikings hold off the Elk attacks.

The Viking lead at halftime was 23-15.

The only problem for the Vikings in the first half was the amount of fouls. With 6:37 left in the second quarter, the Vikings committed their 10th foul, which would allow the Elks to shoot two shots for every foul instead of a one and one. The Vikings did an excellent job of not committing many fouls for the rest of the half, which helped them maintain the lead.

The Vikings opened the third quarter the same way they did the second, with a lot of intensity and some good offensive possessions.

The Vikings opened up a 32-16 lead. The offense cooled off again, but the defense continued to play a good game, and only allowed the Elks to score five points through the entire quarter.

The Vikings led 36-20 at the end of the third quarter.

The Vikings were well in control to

start the fourth quarter and they remained in control. The defense continued to cause turnovers which led to easy baskets by the Viking offense. The Elks could not contain the fast-break offense of the Vikings, who went on to win 59-35. The Viking defense only allowed 10 points in the fourth quarter.

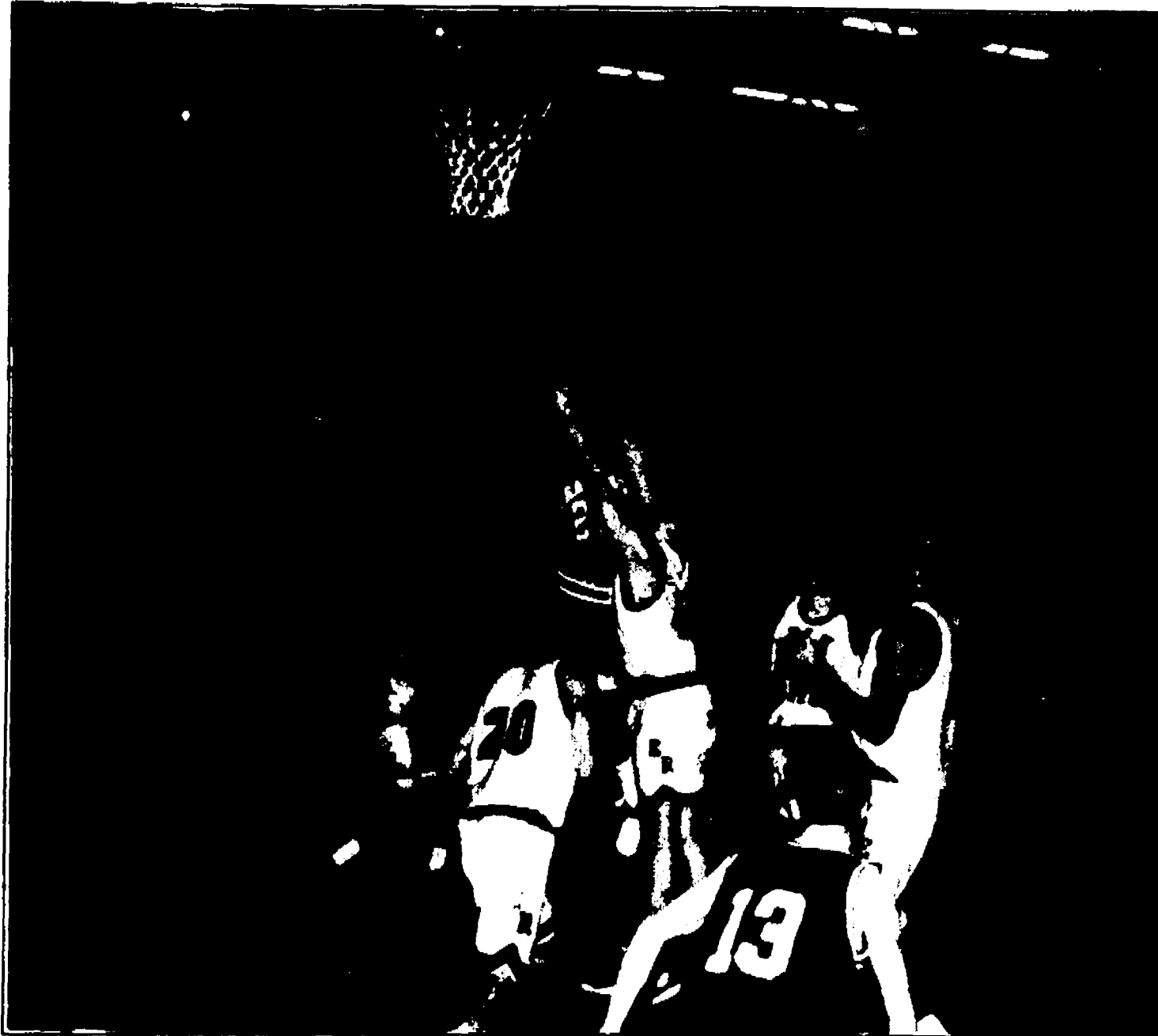
The game had plenty of turnovers on both sides. Elk Rapids had around 38 turnovers, and the Vikings also

broke the 30-turnover mark.

The Vikings were seven for 15 from the charity stripe and Elk Rapids was 11 for 31.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Travis Huber with 15 points. Nate Beckwith added 12 points and Jeremy Millikin added 10.

The Vikings played Petoskey on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at home, and then play Gaylord on Friday, Dec. 20, at home. Tip off is scheduled for 6 p.m.



**DRIVING TO THE HOLE** — Grayling JV player Travis Huber (20) goes strong to the basket against Elk Rapids. The junior varsity squad is off to a 2-0 start on the season.

## YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

### 1996 Holiday Doubles

Plaques will be awarded at the banquet.

Doug Wilhelm & Glenn Cousins	1365
Brett Stoddard & Ashley Hawley	1264
Justin Root & Mathew Root	1242
J. Langowski & T. Robertson	1238
J. Borrie & M. Corwin	1234
B. Phillips & T. LaMotte	1219
J. Langowski & D. J. Canfield	1212
J. Mastey & B. Mastey	1212
N. Sloan & R. Cox	1208
K. Roman & M. Thomas	1204
R. Strohpaal & E. Brinks	1199
K. Fedak & G. Cousins	1196
J. Golnick & D. Wilhelm	1193
S. Lozon & T. Hoesli	1193
M. Arwood & J. Arwood	1191
J. Root & D. Harris	1188
D. Wilhelm & R. Strohpaal	1187
A. Wheeler & C. Francis	1185
D. Lovely & S. Duncley	1184
T. Butts & A. Fedak	1184
J. Handy & B. Stevens	1170
J. Davis & J. Halstead	1168
C. Helsel & A. Helsel	1168
B. Calkins & B. Miller	1168
D. Mathey Jr. & M. Cousins	1168
J. Lobsinger & M. Lobsinger	1165
K. Davis & A. Sturdivant	1160
D. Mathey & S. Davis	1159
J. Trudeau & N. Strohpaal	1152
B. Stevens & J. Handy	1149
J. Langowski & T. Robertson	1141
R. Strohpaal & N. Strohpaal	1132
J. Dreasky & N. McNamara	1130
D. Fedak & B. Butts	1120
W. Mathey & J. Mathey	1118
W. Keir & F. Hohl	1112
C. Marcuciewicz & J. LaForge	1108
T. Root & D. Gilliland	1104
H. Boardman & C. Muse	1091
J. Golnick & N. Hatley	1091
W. Coe & T. Gildner	1080
S. Isenhauser & M. Cousins	1073
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End of first half		
CSL	Century 21 Realty 35-25	Moshier Auto Repair 44-5-15-5
U's & Them	Cornell's Realty 34-26	A Building Towing 32-5-27-5
Robideau Const	Max's Drug Store 33-27	Tees N' Such 30-5-29-5
D A M M	Bucellis's Pizza 30-5-29-5	Advance Collision 29-31
Computer Services	Totten's Body Shop 29-5-30-5	AJD Forest Products 29-31
Pioneer Hills Marine	Flowers by Josie 26-34	Cedar Motel 28-5-31-5
All Seasons Drywall	Sylvester's Sports 25-35	No Fear 28-32
Mac's Drugs	Bayham Wood Products 25-35	Helsel Bros. Logging 18-42
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Northwood	National First League	Recreation League
End of first half		
House of Cabinets 38-22	Forrest Bros 37-5-18-5	North Country RV 4-0
Millikins 35-25	Breakers Steak House 36-20	Scheer Motors 4-0
Wakley's Auto Parts 33-5-26-5	Northern Whitetail Ranch 33-23	Cornell's 4-0
Rich's Cycle Service 30-5-29-5	Carquest 32-5-23-5	Fun-N-Sun Rental 3-1
Glen's 28-32	Corkys D J & Karoke 28-5-27-5	Peterson Saw Service 1-3
Helsel Brothers 27-33	Moore's Auto Parts 25-31	Mickey Perez CPA 0-4
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McLean's Ace 37-19	Chemical Bank 34-22	Moshier Auto 3-1
Auto Parts 31-25	Custom Interior 31-25	3=DS's 2-2
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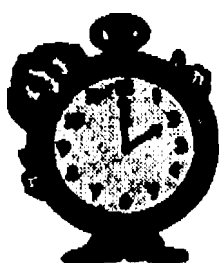
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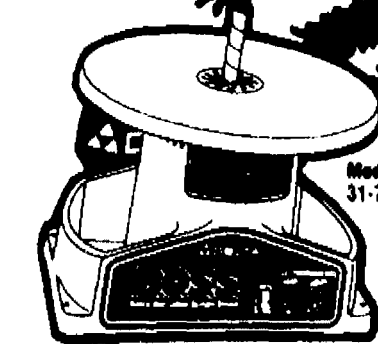
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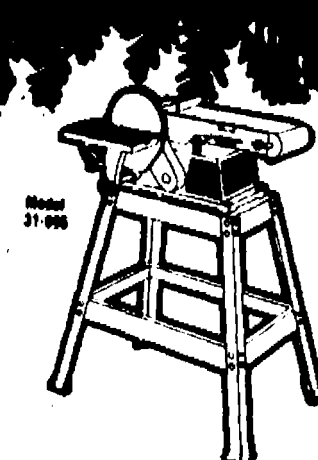
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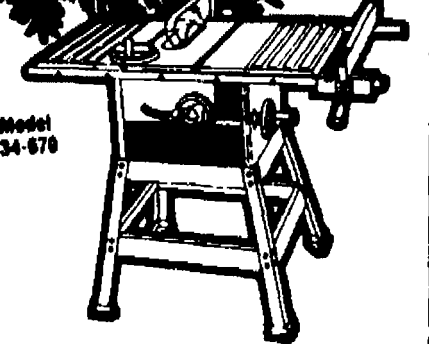
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### 7. Indianapolis vs. Cincinnati

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### 8. Kansas City vs. Buffalo

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# Football Contest

**John Cottenham** was the winner in week #16 of the football contest, with 26 out of a possible 30 points. He tied with **June Rouse**, who also had 26 points, but Cottenham's tiebreaker pick of 41 was closer to the actual tiebreaker score of 21, than Rouse's pick of 47. Jim Elliott and Brian Kernstock followed with 25 each. There were a total of 164 entries in this week's contest. Due to the fact that there are no college games being played this week, we are doubling up on some of the games. You can be daring and choose the same game for each of the duplicates, or play it safe and pick a different one for each. The choice is yours. Due to an error last week, the winner was Theresa Bonamie. We apologize to Janet Hanson for the mistake.

#### Last Week's Winners:

- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Green Bay (34) (3 pts.) | 10. San Francisco (3 pts.) |
| 2. Philadelphia            | 11. Minnesota              |
| 3. Chicago                 | 12. Denver                 |
| 4. Carolina                | 13. Arizona                |
| 5. Cincinnati (5 pts.)     | 14. Jacksonville           |
| 6. Indianapolis            | 15. Marshall (3 pts.)      |
| 7. Dallas                  | 16. N. Colorado            |
| 8. New Orleans             | 17. Mount Union            |
| 9. St. Louis (61)          | 18. Montana (77) (5 pts.)  |

#### OVERALL LEADERS

**Eric Thompson, 237**  
**Ted Rondeau, 232**  
**Doug Donaldson, 231**  
**Joe Thompson, 231**  
**Rod Wade, 231**

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Week #17 for games played Dec. 21 & 22

#### WINNER

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Game 1	
Game 2	
Game 3	
Game 4	
Game 5	
Game 6	
Game 7	
Game 8	
Game 9	
Game 10	
Game 11	
Game 12	
Game 13	
Game 14	
Game 15	
Game 16	
Game 17	
Game 18	

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1)

Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18)

Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 9)

#### Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

1. Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
2. One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
3. Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 400, Grayling, MI, 49738.
4. Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
5. Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

#### Weekly Prizes

- \*Sports cap--Scheer Motors
- \*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- \*Two Super Gulp's & two large nachos--7-Eleven
- \*Fire extinguisher--Jansen Insurance Agency
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Abel Auto Parts
- \*Free hat--McLean's Ace Hardware
- \*One free lunch, a \$6.95 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- \*Free lube, oil and filter--Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- \*\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

#### Overall Prizes

- \*Free lube, oil & filter--Scheer Motors
- \*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- \*\$25 gift certificate--Mac's Drugs
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- \*Free lube, oil & filter--Don Nester
- \*\$50 off any purchase--Abel Auto Parts
- \*\$25 gift certificate--Grayling Red Barn
- \*\$50 gift certificate--Comfort Center
- \*Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- \*Free car wash & dry--Diane's Car Wash
- \*Black & Decker hand-held vac--DuBois Lumber
- \*\$100 and one year free subscription--Crawford County Avalanche

#### To be a weekly winner:

1. Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
2. Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
3. Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
4. Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
5. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

#### To win the overall prizes:

1. Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
2. You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
3. The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

### 11. Pittsburgh vs. Carolina

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### 10. Minnesota vs. Green Bay



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## Camp announces efforts toward adoption reforms

Congressman Dave Camp announced efforts to improve adoption. Camp's proposal would streamline the system making it easier to place children with families that wish to adopt while working to ensure that children are not returned to homes where they face continued abuse.

Camp will introduce an adoption bill when Congress reconvenes in January.

"This is a fundamental change in public policy as it relates to adoption," Camp said.

According to the National Council For Adoption, approximately 25 percent of children in foster care are currently waiting to be adopted.

"Placing a child in a safe and loving home should be our highest priority. The current system is too slow in moving children into functioning families," Camp continued.

When cases of abuse are discovered, efforts must be made to protect the child. Earlier this year, the Ways and Means Committee's subcommittee on Human Resources, of which Camp is a member, held hearings on adoption. Individuals and parents from around

the country testified before the committee including Michigan's Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld.

"I was astonished with the length of time children languish in foster care or a dangerous home," Camp stated. "Unfortunately, the system often prolongs the abuse instead of solving it."

The proposals currently under consideration include defining what course of action to follow when a child has been tortured, abandoned, subjected to severe sexual abuse or when a sibling has been murdered by the parent. Efforts will focus on moving children more quickly through the system in order to place them with parents in a permanent home.

Congressional Republicans, Democrats and the President have worked together to address this important issue.

"I plan to introduce legislation in the next Congress to improve adoption efforts. It is time that public policy recognize the child's need for a safe and loving home," said Camp. "Working together, we can help these children live a better life and build stronger families."

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PROBATE COURT— JUVENILE DIVISION Order For publication On Hearing

Case No. 95-1796-NA  
To: Denise Smith  
1144 Springwood Drive  
Prudenville, MI 48651  
IN THE MATTER OF: Tiffany Smith, dob 9/9/92 and Tricia Smith, dob 6/26/85  
A Termination of Parental Rights petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on January 15, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that DENISE SMITH personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in the permanent loss of your rights to the children.  
Dated December 13, 1996  
JOHN G. HUNTER,  
Judge of Probate

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by WILLIAM A. WINGFIELD and MARY K. WINGFIELD, husband and wife, whose address is 6232 M-72 West, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgage dated August 30, 1993 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 30, 1993 in Liber 364 of Crawford County Records on Pages 514 through 517, inclusive, such Mortgage being given to secure a loan to such Borrower on said date owing to the Government concerning the real estate hereafter described, and also by virtue of said Mortgage such Borrower on said date of August 30, 1993 assumed a prior Mortgage obligation owing to the Government by virtue of a certain real estate Mortgage made by Brent P. Shelpman and Cynthia L. Shelpman, husband and wife, to USDA - Farmers Home Administration, dated May 22, 1991 and recorded May 22, 1991 in Liber 325 of Crawford County Records on Pages 276 through 279, inclusive, which Mortgage obligation also included an assumption of a prior Mortgage obligation owing to the Government by virtue of a certain real estate Mortgage made by Michael J. Campbell and Mary E. Campbell, husband and wife, to USDA - Farmers Home Administration, dated November 25, 1981 and recorded in Liber 202 of Crawford County Records on Pages 377 through 380, inclusive, which obligations were expressly assumed by the borrowers, William A. Wingfield and Mary K. Wingfield, husband and wife, by virtue of a certain Assumption Agreement. By reason of such default the Mortgage elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 02/100 (\$35,320.02) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday January 16, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 7.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:  
Lot No. 10, Pine Point Subdivision, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 6232 M-72 West, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact: Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: December 11, 1996  
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### SYNOPSIS Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board December 10, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Schaibly, Hopp, Haberland, Fuchs and Doby along with 6 others. Minutes of the 11-12-96 board meeting were accepted. Bills in the amount of \$8237.29 in the General Fund, \$939.49 in the Fire Fund, \$1703.72 in the Landfill Fund, \$41.88 in the Liquor Fund and \$64.40 in the Library Fund were approved to be paid.

The treasurer's report was accepted and letter received from the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Al Bickford vs Lovells Township Fire Department.

Fire Chief reported one mutual aid fire in Fredene. Zoning Administrator issued 2 permits and special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals granted one variance.

Motion approved to reinstate Ann Doby as a MFR of the Lovells Township EMS.

Motion approved to appoint Gary Lewicki, Valene Bunton and Dale Gauthier Jr. to Board of Review January 1, 1997 thru December 31, 1998.

Motion approved to accept the Standard Operating Procedure response to Carbon Monoxide and the Automatic External Defibrillator policy and Standard Operating Procedures.

Motion approved to award the fire hall addition bid to Thorold Builders for \$38,500.00. Motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-4026-CH(M)  
ALBERT L. GALLOWAY and MAXINE L. GALLOWAY, husband and wife,  
Plaintiffs

JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 9th day of January, 1997. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 11/14/96  
HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS  
(P-24472)  
Circuit Court Judge

-5-12-19-26

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-4023-CH(D)  
TWO LAKES BUILDING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation,  
Plaintiffs

JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, Defendants

LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.  
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 455, INDIANGLENS OF THE AUSABLE NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-4024-CH(D)  
TWO LAKES BUILDING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation,  
Plaintiffs

JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, Defendants

LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.  
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 677, INDIANGLENS OF THE AUSABLE NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interests in, or Leins upon the Lands herein described:

State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Lot 274, Uppnorth No. 3 (This parcel is an improved residential parcel). Sec. 020, Town 100

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned as title to the land under tax deed or deed issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase together with 6% in addition and the fees of the sheriff for the service and cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action together with a sum of \$5.00 for each description without other additional costs or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Amount necessary to redeem: \$655.67 taxes for 1992 plus the fees of the sheriff. Signed: Louis F. Cohts

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Waters, MI 49797

To: Kenneth Baker and Mrs. Kenneth Baker  
8869 Nottingham Drive  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198-1224

Last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-1953-CH  
ERVIN C. CAMPBELL and JEANETTE B. CAMPBELL, husband and wife,  
Plaintiff

KENNETH E. HARRIS  
Defendants  
CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop,  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
517-348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 26th day of November, 1996, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 17th of January, 1997 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the Township of Maple Forest, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1, North one-half of the following described parcel: Being a part of the north 1/2 of Section 19, T28N, R13W, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence N 87°51'16" W, 607.37 feet; thence N 0°16'09" W, 397.54 feet to Point of Beginning; thence N 0°16'09" W, 1190.89 feet; thence S 88°12'28" E, 1577.59 feet to the Westerly right of way of I-75; Thence 1027.59 feet along a curve to the right, with a radius of 11344.19 feet and a long chord of S 7°31'25" W, 1027.24 feet; thence N 88°20'23" W, 744.93 feet; thence S 89°04'22" West, 668.34 feet to the Point of Beginning. Contains 20.12 acres.

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Campbells  
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop,  
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### NOTICE

Please take notice the December 24, 1996 regular scheduled Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting has been rescheduled for the evening of Wednesday, December 18, 1996, at 7 pm, in the county courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk-Register of Deeds  
December 5, 1996

### NOTICE

Please take notice the 1997 organizational meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has been scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 1997, at 10 am, and the swearing in of elected officials will be held prior, at 9:45 am, in the County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI.

Sandra Moore,  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
December 5, 1996

### NOTICE

A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the 1997 budget for The Road Commission For Crawford county. TIME: 11:00 am. DATE: 12-26-96. PLACE: 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan IN THE ROAD COMMISSION BOARD ROOM. A copy of the budget is available at the same location.

Board of Road Commissioners  
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## 2. For Rent

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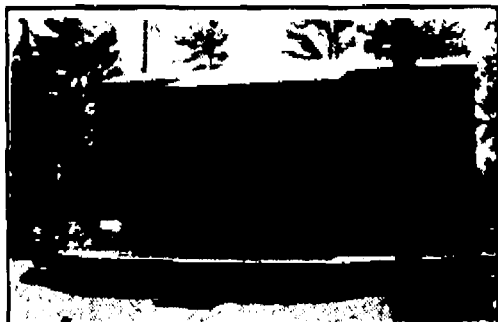
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**HARBOR BEACH ASSOCIATION** Private boat slip, common adjoining park, lakefront beach and maintained blacktop road. 2,332 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors, oak cabinets and Andersen windows. 24x24 garage, upper-level rec. room with three clear story lights, beautiful landscaping, shaded yard with mature red pines. Price reduced to \$169,900. CH-453



**DISTINCTIVE ARCHITECTURE PLUS A PRESTIGE NEIGHBORHOOD!** Features include large great room with lots of windows, vaulted ceilings, track and recessed lighting, three bedrooms, two baths, modern kitchen with skylight. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Hot water baseboard heat, cable TV, full basement with laundry area, includes washer and dryer. Two-car attached garage. Secluded setting just minutes from town on 2.5 acres on private road. Call us quick--this one is a winner! \$97,500. CS-459



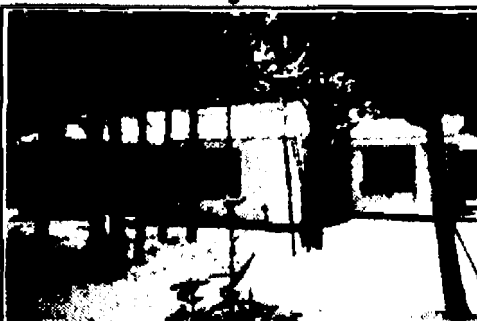
**LAKE MARGRETHE** Hillside setting with extensive views of lake. Charming three-bedroom, 1 1/2-bath brick home, three fireplaces, full basement, family room, attached garage, carport, all appliances and furniture. Includes furnished guest house with screen porch. Makes ideal rental income. Natural gas hot water heating, landscaped yard. MUST SEE! Just listed at \$97,500. CH-468



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**4315 PINECREST** State land across the street, natural gas, cable, blacktop road, only two miles from town. Two bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage, priced right at \$19,900 with owner financing available. CH-508

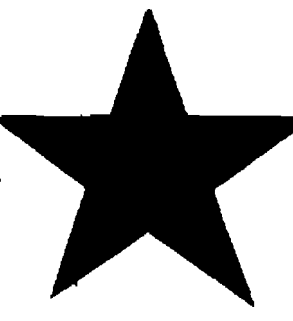


**750 FEET ON THE MANISTEE RIVER** Two bedrooms, one bath, offers 1,152 heated sq. ft. plus 200 heated sq. ft. guest quarters. Split-stone fireplace with insert. Home has been very well maintained. Property includes: 24x24 detached garage with large storage closet, 12x12 shed, greenhouse and fenced garden area. 17 acres +/- with 750 feet of Manistee River frontage. \$130,000. CS-408



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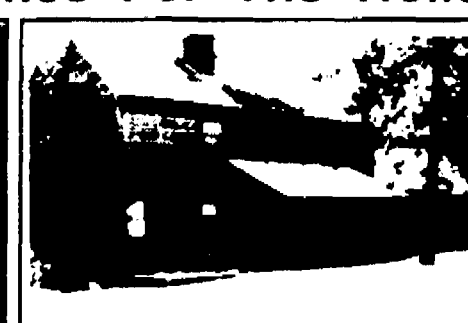


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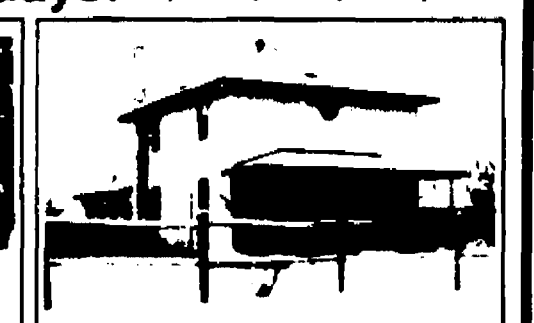
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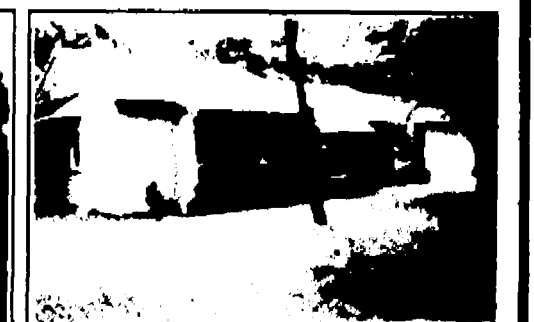
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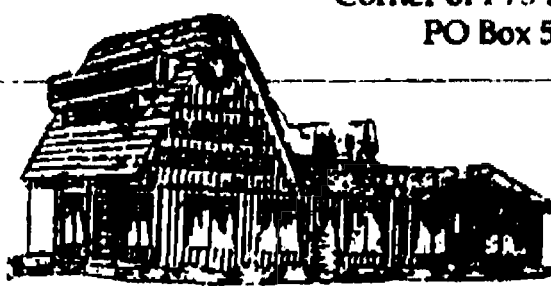
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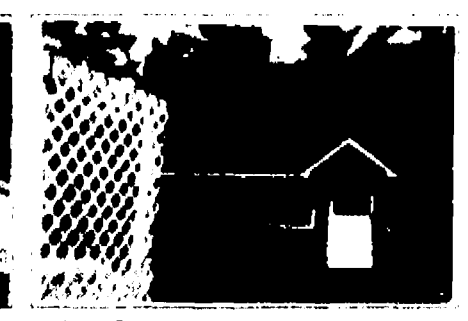
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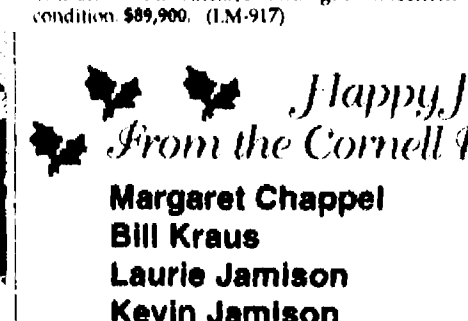
**JONES LAKE ROAD** is the location. Three bedrooms, two baths, attached garage, basement, on five wooded acres. Satellite dish, add-on wood furnace and gas. Excellent condition \$89,900. (LM-917)



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**ARTIC CAT SALE!** Buy any in-stock '97 Cat and get \$200 to \$500 in "fun bucks" for clothing and accessories. Bank terms. Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to high school, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wednesdays. -12-19/5

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**VICTORIAN MILLWORKS** offers you fine quality oak curtos, tables, chairs, hutches, bookcases, glider rockers, desks, lamps, home accents, entertainment centers, plus much more! Stop in, browse around, then buy from Victorian Millworks, M-55, West Branch. 517-345-2540. -5-12-19/5

**AFRICAN VIOLETS BY DON GEISS** Beautiful plants for Christmas. \$5 each. Free delivery within 10 miles of Grayling. Will deliver even to third party through December 23. Call 348-5657. -19/5

## 5. For Sale

**SNOWBLOWER ATTACHMENT** for Cub Cadet tractor. \$200. 348-4555, ask for Phil. -19-26/5

**IMPERIAL CHINA** Designed by W. Dalton. 5671 Whitney. 88 pieces. service for 12. \$380. 517-821-9261. -19-26/5

**SEARS** 1992 14 horse power, lower. 40 inch blower. 30 inch mower. \$1,000. 517-348-8734. -19/5

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS** Main Street Floral. Inventory clearance store wide, 30% to 75% off. Fresh flowers and wire orders out of town available through holidays. (but not included in this sale). Remaining stock from Schans Plumbing priced as marked. Store shelving, fixtures, displays and 8X8, walk-in, floral cooler. Main St. Floral. 348-7423. -19-26/5

**TANDY DOT MATRIX** color printer w/tractor feed. \$150. Sears electronic typewriter w/digital display, memory and spell check. \$125. 517-348-2565. -16-26/2/5

**CONCEPT II ROWING ERGOMETER** Model C, like new, with wireless heart monitor and cover. \$575. 348-4071. -12-19/5

**GOLF CLUBS - CALLAWAY S-2.** M-2, irons and woods, with new Mizuno bag. \$325. 348-4071. -12-19/5

**WOODSTOVE** by Fisher. Really cute. \$150. Pizza oven, excellent condition. \$45. Call 348-5384. -12-19/5

**HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA** Discount coupon books now available at Diane's Car Wash. M-72 W and Norway St., Grayling or call 348-5384. -12-19/5

**AUTOMOTIVE VALVE GRINDER** Sioux model #645. Good condition. \$95 or best offer. Call Dave Petrie at Scheer Motors in Grayling. 517-348-5451. -19-26/5

## 6. Wanted

**WANTED:** A decent used washing machine and Fisher Price/Little Tykes toys in good condition. Reasonable. Call 348-6991. -19/6

**CHILDREN'S SIZE 9 & 3** ski boots, boy's ice skates, adult ice skates. Cardio Glider. 348-8679. LR12/26/96/6

**HOT FISHERMAN** looking for prime. Northbranch, riverfront home. Call Bruce: 810-737-4666. LR12/25/97/6

## 7. Miscellaneous

**LOST:** 1 1/2 year old Rottweiler, with red collar, very gentle, named King. Reward. 348-7755. -19-26/7

**CORRECTIONS OFFICER PROGRAM** at Kirtland Community College is approved by Michigan Department of Corrections. Become eligible for employment with just five classes. Register Jan. 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -19/7

**TELECOURSES:** Self-directed persons can complete college classes in English composition, psychology, accounting, business management, small business seminars, journalism, history and government through Kirtland Community College. Minimal meeting requirements. See Winter schedule and call 517-275-5121, ext. 279. -19/7

**FOUND BROWN, FURRY PUPPY** Black face, 3-4 months old. Contact 348-8252. Madsen Street, southside. -19/7

**TWO LOST DOGS** Walker hounds lost on 12-7. If seen please call 348-6901. -19/7

**FURNITURE REPAIR AND REFINISHING** TLC for wooden treasures, also woodburned pictures for sale or pictures of your house or cabin. Call P & A Hardware. 348-1400. -19/7

**OLD ORIENTAL RUGS WANTED** Any size or condition. 1-800-443-7740. -19-26/7

**FOUND:** Beautiful, young, white, gray and tan calico cat in Grayling off Roberts Road and Misty Way. Declawed, probably spayed, waiting to be claimed, adopted or euthanized. Call or stop by Animal Shelter of Crawford County. 508 1/2 Huron St. (72 East just before Eagles Club). 348-4117. -19/7

## 8. Announcements

Back by popular demand  
**Froggie's Pub & Grill**  
Fish Fry Fridays  
4 to 7 pm  
DJ & Karaoke  
This Fri. and Sat.  
All you can eat Dinners  
JUST \$4.75  
Fish Sandwiches - \$2.50  
348-7377 - M72 East, Grayling  
NEXT TO LARRY & JOAN'S

## 11. Automotive

## 8. Announcements

**IT'S BACK!** Spike's Friday night fish fry. Just \$5.25, all you care to eat. 4-9pm. 10/3/96tf/8

**WOULD YOU LIKE SANTA** to visit your house or party? Call 348-7532, leave a message. -12-19/8

**WE PAY YOU TO LOSE WEIGHT** 36 people needed who are serious about losing weight! Eat your favorite foods. All natural-no drugs. Doctor recommended. Permanent weight loss. 1-800-264-8907. -12-19-26/8

**MANICURING CLASS** at Kirtland Community College can be completed before Summer! After course completion take state exam and become licensed to work. Full cosmetology program also offered. KCC's state licensed program with certified instructors trains in latest techniques. Register Jan. 8-10. Call today, 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -19/8

**COMPUTER CLASSES:** Beginning classes. Business Applications, DOS, Windows 3.1, Windows 95, day and night sections offered at Kirtland Community College. Register Jan. 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -19/8

**ART CLASSES** at Kirtland: Choose from Art History, design, ceramics, drawing, computer animation, sculpture, photography, textile design and computer generated images. Register Jan. 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -19/8

**WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S** Call Betty Mansfield. 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore. 348-5816, if you are a new comer, engaged, or a new mother. 8/3/95tf/8

Breakfast with Santa  
10 am to 12 noon  
Sunday, Dec. 22  
Free pancakes for children 10 and under  
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348-9589

## 10. Garage Sales

Michigan Fishing Lures & Price Guide by George Richey is now available at the  
**GRAYLING ANTIQUE MALL**  
Across from the depot & museum, downtown Grayling

## 11. Automotive

'89 FORD TAURUS WAGON Runs great. \$2,000. 348-8734. -12-19/11

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# Grayling to host annual maple syrup meeting

Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E) and the Michigan Maple Syrup Association (MMSA) will again be cosponsoring a day-long educational program on Saturday, Jan. 11, for any interested maple syrup producers.

The majority of this year's program will feature a unique hands-on demonstration entitled "Quality Control in Maple Syrup" by Dr. Randy Heiligmann from Ohio State University. Attendees will be given samples of

off-flavor maple syrup to taste and asked to identify their cause.

Dr. Heiligmann will then discuss each sample and explain what maple producers can do in their quality control practices to avoid these problems.

In addition, there will be several maple syrup equipment suppliers on-hand to exhibit their products for those who attend, plus a short business meeting by MMSA.

The program will be held at the Holiday Inn in Grayling, on the 1-75 Business Loop, and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration for the program begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$15 per adult and \$8 per child, age 6-13 (under age 5 free). Registration fees are payable at the door. This fee includes a buffet luncheon, refreshments, program costs and facility use. Those wishing to be involved can contact the Crawford County Michigan State University Extension office at 348-2844 ext. 264.

## 8. Announcements

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS** Expanding locally. Work from home. Call for free booklet. 1-810-666-3313. -12-19-26/8

**TAKE DANCE FOR FUN & CREDIT!** Dance Exploration is offered Monday and Wednesday evenings at both the beginning and intermediate level. Explore various forms of movement and dance while slimming your waist. Register Jan. 8-10. Call now, 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -19/8

**PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL:** Offered by Kirtland Community College. Monday evenings, 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Beginning January 13, register Jan 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -19/8

**PERSON WANTED to OWN and operate retail candy shop in Grayling area. Low investment. For information call:**  
Mrs. Burden's Gourmet Candy Company, Dallas, TX, (972) 991-8239

## 9. Personals

**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY**  
**JACK HARNEY**  
DECEMBER 19TH

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## 11. Automotive

'89 FORD TEMPO Air, cruise, low miles. \$2,800. 348-1266. -19/11

1985 FORD 150 4X4, 4 speed. \$2,000. Call 348-7755. -19-26/11

**NEWS 348-6811**

## 9. Personals

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD! LOVE, TABITHA** 19/9

**BETSEY:** Would you please bring back my song tape? Jim. 19/9

**ATTRACTIVE, DIVORCED, CHRISTIAN** white male, early 50's, looking for attractive, slender, level-headed, single, white Christian female. Non smoking, non-drinking, for conversation, companionship and fun, maybe more. If interested, respond in writing to: Attn: R.G., P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. All replies will be answered. LR12/26/96/9

## 10. Garage Sales

Invitations, Envelopes, Napkins, Tablecloth, Thank-you Notes  
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## 11. Automotive

'86 DODGE CARAVAN 2.2, one owner, good condition, \$1,500 or best offer. 348-2249. -19/11

1988 FORD THUNDERBIRD Turbo coupe, 5-speed, fully loaded, new paint job, radiator, gas tank, lots of new items, great condition. Call 348-6005. 5-12-19/11

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